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REVIEW OF UNIVERSITY

Accreditation reason for association's visit

Northwest to be reviewed according to standards of North Central Association

By VICKI SCHEER
MISSOURIAN STAFF

A team from the North Central Association will be visiting Oct. 25-26 to conduct a review of the University's accreditation.

North Central is an association that reviews institutions and accredits Universities according to their standards.

"What we're going through now is a focused review," Patt VanDyke, interim vice president for Academic Affairs, said. "That means that the last time North Central was here, they found some problems that they wanted to come back and visit on—just those specific problems."

The University spent the last two years since the previous review improving areas North Central indicated were problems, such as communication and financial health.

This accreditation is not required, and

not all institutions carry it. Iowa State, along with some others, has decided the accrediting process is too costly and time consuming. However VanDyke suggested that in a smaller institution like Northwest, this accreditation protects the integrity and validity of the offered education.

From Nov. 16-19, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education will be conducting a program approval review of Northwest's teacher education programs.

"When a department, such as physical education or English, has programs which prepare teachers to teach these subjects in public schools, these programs must be approved by the state of Missouri to receive accreditation," Jim Herauf, chairman of physical education, said.

If a program does not get approved, the University cannot certify students to teach in that program. This means the University can no longer offer that program as part of their curriculum.

Unlike the North Central Association, DESE rates the college or university they

review on a pass or fail basis. This program approval is a new process which began five years ago.

In November 1994, the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education will review the entire teacher education unit. NCATE addresses five different strands to focus on in the review: the students, faculty, governance, clinical experiences, knowledge and facilities.

Reviews of an institution are done every five years by NCATE. NCATE issues three different ratings: pass, fail, or pass with qualifications. Passing a university or college with qualifications allows time to make the needed improvements.

"These reviews definitely benefit the student because they create improvement and change within students' education," Betty Bush, coordinator of elementary education, said.

The teams that do the evaluations for most of these accreditation associations are composed of people in the education system who have a background in education.

FINANCIAL AID

Default rate low for Northwest

By ROGER HUGHLETT
CHIEF REPORTER

"The counseling our office offers the students is a contributing factor. Our students are also mainly the traditional type of students. They are mainly here to go to school."

Marge Stoner
financial assistance counselor

A report released by the federal government in July 1993 listed the loan default rate for Northwest at 5.8 percent, according to Marge Stoner, financial assistance counselor.

Northwest's rate is lower than the national average. In 1991, the national average for four-year public institutions was 6.9 percent, according to the U.S. Department of Education.

According to Stoner, there are two reasons for the low rate.

"The counseling our office offers the students is a contributing factor," Stoner said. "Our students are also mainly the traditional type of students. They are mainly here to go to school."

Two-year public schools usually report higher percentages of loan defaults than four-year schools, according to Stoner.

According to the U.S. Department of Education's report, two-year public schools, mainly community colleges, had a default rate of 14.7 percent in 1991.

According to Stoner, a majority of students attending community colleges are not made aware of the obligations accompanying student loans.

Financial counseling provides students with the information required to steer clear of loan default, according to Stoner.

"The main thing is to be in contact with the bank (or lender)," Stoner said. "Do not just put it off. If you receive a correspondence from your lender, open it and see what they want. If you have any questions

concerning your loan you should call your lender."

Mercantile Bank of Maryville handles some student loans and according to Debbie Martin, student loan officer, there are certain procedures a lender must go through before the loan is defaulted.

"After the loan is passed due, there are a certain number of letters that the lender has to send out and a certain number of phone calls the lender has to make to the borrower," Martin said.

After this process, known as due diligence, is performed, the loan can then be turned over to the state or federal government for collection procedures to begin, according to Martin.

"If the lender is not able to collect the money, you can lose your income tax refund," Martin said. "It will probably be reported to a credit bureau and your credit rating will be affected greatly."

According to Martin, the lender is not responsible to ensure the student understands the obligations surrounding a student loan.

"It is the school's responsibility due to the fact the student does not come in here for the check, they go to the financial aid office," Martin said. "The financial aid office is also responsible for reporting to the student that this is a loan and they will have to pay it back. The application also states that."

Student loans are not classified as "defaulted loans" for at least 180 days after the loan is due, according to Stoner. There are several deferments also made available to the students before a loan is defaulted.

According to Stoner, every loan is usually dealt with by the lender on an individual basis.

STUDENT SERVICE

Quality a top concern in development of survey

By CHRIS TRIEBSCCH
MISSOURIAN STAFF

This year's annual student survey has begun as commitment to service quality becomes the key issue, according to Patt VanDyke, interim vice president for Academic Affairs.

"In order for central administration and for offices that serve students in specific ways to get feedback, we need to survey students," VanDyke said. "The purpose is to understand what they expect and need, and see if we are

delivering on those needs."

The new survey will have the support of the National Quality Survey and the use of analytic software. The University will get unlimited surveys, and in return, the National Quality Survey will have the right to market the survey.

"The revised survey is different in language and situations," VanDyke said. "Business wants money, but higher education is non-profit. Many times we run programs in which we don't even break even on, but we keep

running them because we feel it is important."

VanDyke added the University has a responsibility to help students understand what employers will expect and wants to focus on the more important concerns of students.

"A lot of times people will fix the minor problems, and the tougher ones will go untouched," VanDyke said. "We want to focus on the more important issues."

The University would also like to make high school students better aware

of what lies ahead by finding out what troubles students most when arriving at Northwest.

"In the original survey many of the questions were ambiguous, meaning they were two-part questions, and many times you would have a different answer for each part," VanDyke said. "We tried to clean those out a bit."

The University wants to provide an environment where quality is demonstrated not just in opportunities but how the University treats people day to day, according to VanDyke.

DEAD RINGER



LAURA RIEDEL/Contributing Photographer

AN ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES worker examines the Bell Tower Sept. 16. The tower is currently undergoing minor construction to replace a small amount of plaster near its base.

Disciplinary committee not ideal for everyone

By SCOTT A. PUMMELL
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CHIEF REPORTER

The Campus Disciplinary Committee was created to educate and provide order on campus, but in the opinion of one rape victim, who chose the University's alternative, justice was not served.

According to Tamera Justus, junior, she was told by Dean of Students Denise Ottinger the man who raped her would be removed from the University if he were found guilty in the campus judiciary hearing. Instead, after a guilty verdict was rendered, his most severe punishment was his removal from the residence halls for the remainder of the semester.

"(When told of the punishment) I was shocked," Justus said. "I said, 'Why did you tell me he (the accused) would be suspended?' And I told her I felt like it was a slap in the face."

According to Ottinger, the University will support the victim if she decides to prosecute through the state.

"If the student prosecutes downtown, and we at the University also have witnesses, then we will prosecute, too," Ottinger said.

According to Ottinger, a reason

students involved with rape cases are encouraged to go through, the University system is because of the difficulty surrounding the prosecution of rape cases without witnesses.

According to Nodaway County Prosecutor David Baird, cases can go through the campus system, followed by either the municipal prosecuting office or the state prosecuting office. Cases may also go from the campus directly to the state for prosecution.

After prosecution, on the campus level, is completed the committee delivers its verdict on the case. Punishment can range from probation to expulsion, according to University President Dean Hubbard.

According to Hubbard, the severity of punishments is diminished on campus compared to municipal and state punishments for "educational" reasons.

"Some will argue that we ought to crack heads, and by the time that a student is in college everything that they do that is antisocial ought to be handled by the police and the courts downtown," Hubbard said.

"I don't subscribe to that. I think that our overarching purpose is educational. We are not trying to be punitive or to hurt a student's reputation," he said.

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CHRIS YUCKER/Contributing Photographer

MATT JOHNSON, Student Senate vice president for policies, reviews by-law changes.

Senate alters past procedures

By STEVEN WOOLFOLK
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Changes to two sections of the Student Senate bylaws were approved at the Tuesday, Sept. 21, meeting.

The statement "Must not be on any type of University Probation" has been changed to "Must not be on any type of University probation at the time of election and throughout the term of office."

In the past, if a student was elected to Senate, they were a member for the remainder of the semester.

Anyone who was on any form of probation at the time of the election was not allowed to run. If they were placed on probation over the course of their term, they were allowed to maintain their position.

Under the new rules, not only will those on

probation be prohibited from running, anyone who is placed on probation while serving will be asked to resign their position.

Student Senate President Trent Skaggs said senators are expected to live up to a certain standard both socially and academically.

"One reason that Matt (Johnson) didn't mention is a lot of times I think it is important for student senators to live up to a certain standard," Skaggs said. "I know if a situation comes up and they have gone to the academic or student/faculty discipline committee and are found guilty of something like having alcohol in the room, there are a lot of different standards they have to live up to."

In addition, students are sometimes allowed to run with a GPA below 2.0 even though they are on academic probation, allowing them to bring it up in the following semester. Skaggs said in the past,

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OUR VIEW

Editorials express the view of the Northwest Missourian. Observations elsewhere on the page represent independent viewpoints of columnists, cartoonists and readers.

Residence Halls require changes

There has been a lot of controversy the last few years involving why students are moving off campus at such an alarming rate. Well, what can they do to keep us here?

First, the University needs to lower residence hall and food service costs. Tons of money can be saved by moving off campus, and this often means everything to a student who already has to fight to afford a decent education.

An apartment may not be much cheaper than a residence hall room, but the amount of money saved on food is substantial, considering the obscene prices charged for food on campus. No matter what is said, the savings are considerable.

Another factor needing to be addressed is room size. If you move off campus, it's possible to get a private bedroom and a living room and a shower shared by significantly fewer people. In residence halls it is nearly impossible to find any privacy; however, by moving off campus, it's possible to be alone in your bedroom for long periods of time.

There have been some rumors circulating that the University is considering remodeling the halls so as to turn rooms into larger "suites," with more bathrooms on each floor and more room per person. This won't solve the problem, but it will help.

With just a few improvements the University could go a long way towards keeping students in the residence halls.

Local living is far from perfect

Living off campus can provide a student with potential savings, privacy and additional living space. For these reasons, moving off campus is appealing to many students, but also entails significant risks.

The community needs to be more understanding of the needs of college students. Students are active during different hours from many people working the 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. shift. Police intrusions and citations for disturbing the peace often provide hurdles for students wanting to enjoy and share their home.

What could be done to improve the situation? It is possible new zoning laws could help tremendously.

A renter should know what behavior is and is not acceptable in a particular neighborhood before the lease is signed. This would be beneficial not only to the renter but also to the residents living in the area.

A problem continuously growing is slumlord apathy and neglect. Many of the places students now live are unacceptable. Some of them are simply dangerous. The city needs to step in and solve this problem.

Landlords must understand students are human. We deserve a decent, affordable and well-kept place to live.



MY TURN



Don Munsch
Assistant Editor

Potpouri of questions, gripes leads many to road of confusion

Cowboys, cats inspire thought

Questions, gripes and thoughts about the world we inhabit... Finally, the Dallas Cowboys signed running back Emmitt Smith to a multi-year deal. I was in Dallas a couple of weeks ago, and the sentiment was pro-Emmitt. Now, how are they gonna sign quarterback Troy Aikman in a couple of years?

The other day I saw an Army commercial that said that the Army will give you skills, "... nine of 10 employers look for." Yeah, well what about that one dissenting employer? Is it looking for someone undependable and incompetent? ... Seriously, one characteristic underestimated by job seekers is not talent or experience but enthusiasm. After all, why take a job if you're not going to love it?

If cats could talk, what would they say to each other in an animal control clinic? I think I know. Cat 1: "Man, are we screwed, or what?" Cat 2: "Speak for yourself, furball. I'm breakin' outta this joint."

What happened to ex-veep Dan Quayle anyway? And Vanilla Ice? Yahoo Serious? ... You know, the creator of Jim's journal, Jim (no last name), is a genius. ... Another genius is Chris Elliott, ex-star of Late Night with David Letterman. I sure miss his "Regulator Guy" and the "Guy Underneath the Stairs."

Seen the new "Late Night?" The

new host, Conan O'Brien, is a hip and happenin' dude, for sure, but his sidekick - whatever his name is - has gotta go. Like ASAP (and I don't mean the convenience store) ... What about that Chevy Chase show? Makes me pine for another Clark Griswold movie.

Has anyone not read "The Bridges of Madison County?" It takes place in Iowa, in case you haven't read it. Will soon be a major motion picture (makes you kinda wonder what a minor motion picture is, doesn't it?). Robert Redford and Mary McDonnell (Stands with a Fist from "Dances With Wolves") are rumored leads.

This flu-thing going around prompts the question: Ever notice how any ailment you have is never, ever as bad as someone else's? Sure, you may have been sick for days and bedridden for days, but someone you know will tell you he/she was sick for a longer period than you and you should feel lucky, damn it.

Along the same lines, ever wonder someone how people always seem to have a better time than you no matter what place you visit - especially your wonderful, exotic trip to the Bahamas? "Oh, yeah, Bahamas, huh? Ah, hell, they ain't nothin'," someone invariably says. "Lemme tell you about my trip last spring to Grand Island..."

Dope people realize the speed limit on Highway 71 is 55, not 25? Just

checking. ... I always did like Mary Ann more than Ginger on "Gilligan's Island." ... The renovations to the Grill Works are a welcome sight.

There's no better place to watch a baseball game than Wrigley. No, not even Kauffman Stadium. ... Dropped by my local Blockbuster store when I was home a few weeks ago, looked around for an hour, walked up to the counter, looked the clerk straight in the eye and said, "Uh, you got that dinosaur movie yet?"

Billy Joel said in an interview about a dozen years ago that someone once approached him with these opening lyrics to a song: "Flying through the clouds in a zodiac chariot, with electric sparkles on my clothes..." Sounds as good as some recent stuff he's produced, though.

Interesting Jerry Seinfeld interview in October "Playboy." Seinfeld claims, among other things, that he's shy about initiating sex with women, didn't have sex until he was 20 (technically 19, he said,) and that if he were stuck in a room with another person for the rest of his life, he would rather be with someone who would make him laugh rather than the person to make the other laugh.

World Series prediction: Atlanta over Toronto in six games. The Braves have too much pitching, and Fred McGriff has been quite a plus.

MY TURN



Steven Woolfolk
Editor in Chief

President could receive offer from other school; departure would be tragic loss for University

Hubbard should stay at Northwest

Can we all agree that from time to time college students tend to take things for granted?

Whether you agree or not - we do, and it is happening once again without our even noticing it.

Three weeks ago the Northwest Missourian reported that the University of Northern Arizona is currently entertaining the notion of offering University President Dean Hubbard a position as president.

While Hubbard claims he is not actively pursuing a position of president at Northern Arizona, he added, "If I am interested at all, then I ought to look very carefully and ask a lot of hard questions to try to decide what is best for me, my family and Northwest."

Meanwhile, students have hardly raised an eyebrow throughout the entire affair.

In fact, it should not come as a surprise to find out that many students do not even know who Dean Hubbard is, and even fewer realize what he has done for Northwest and how much damage his departure from the University could do.

Hubbard came to Northwest in 1984. In an interview with then editor of the Missourian Penny Brown, Hubbard said, "We must attempt to shape our own future."

Hubbard has done just that in his nine years at Northwest. With a clear outline for what he wanted to do, Hubbard has managed to increase academic standards at Northwest while also raising enrollment.

While many saw Northwest as nothing more than one step above Missouri Western State College, and certainly

not capable of ever competing with Missouri's "better" colleges and universities, Hubbard had a different view of things to come for Northwest.

He had faith in the faculty and staff at Northwest and believed they were capable of taking the University to a new level of excellence.

Since he took over as president, Hubbard has become, to put it simply, the best leader this University has ever seen.

The results should speak for themselves. Northwest has become a state if not a national leader in many fields. The agriculture program is among the best in the country.

The elementary education and mass communication programs can hold their own with any school in terms of classroom and laboratory learning. And I cannot neglect to mention the Geography department, which is the among the best in the nation.

This level of success would likely have never been achieved had it not been for Hubbard. It is impossible to say what would have happened if someone else had been chosen to lead Northwest, but I would venture to assume, at the very least, the level of success would be to a lesser degree than it currently is.

I have not been here long enough to witness the drastic turnarounds but I have taken notice, and I would like to make my feelings on the subject known in an open appeal to Hubbard:

Do what you think is best for you and your family, but keep in mind Northwest and know that at least one student has taken notice of what you have done for us.

CAMPUS VOICE

Do you think parents should be held responsible for the criminal actions of their children?

"No, over the age of 12 they should know what they are doing, so in that case, it is the kid's fault - not the parent's. But under that age, I can understand the parents being held responsible." Monica Krueh, sophomore



"No, because I think an individual has to be responsible for their own actions regardless of their affiliation with their parents." Theresa Zuccarino, junior



"Yes, it is their job to bring them up right, and to teach them good morals." Joe Bougher, sophomore



"Yes and no. For the first part of a child's life he doesn't really know what is right or wrong so it is up to the parents to give their guidance as to what is right and what is wrong. Later on, the parent's responsibility decreases because the child should know as they age what is right and what is wrong." Mark Hatfield, junior



"No, I don't think they should be held responsible because it's the action of the child, so therefore the parent shouldn't be responsible." Tim Hill, senior



VOICE YOUR OPINION

Letters to the editor should be signed and include the author's name, address and phone number for verification purposes.

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All letters must be addressed to the editor.

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UNIVERSITY NEWS

NAU still considering Hubbard

University President Dean Hubbard remains one of five finalists for the presidents position at Northern Arizona University.

Nor further steps have been taken by Northern Arizona toward a final decision, and Hubbard still plans to visit the campus before making any further decisions.

Hubbard admitted in an interview yesterday he is slightly leaning toward staying at Northwest.

"I discussed it with my wife the other day, and right now we both believe the reasons for staying outnumber the reasons for leaving," he said.

Hubbard added if he stays he will not pursue another position for 2-3 years.

"If I do not take this position, I do not want to put myself or Northwest through this again," Hubbard said. "I won't say never, but it would be safe to say at least 2-3 years."

Student to be arraigned for rape

A 19-year-old Northwest student was arrested Sept. 15 in Maryville and charged with one count of rape and one count of sodomy.

According to Nodaway County Prosecuting Attorney David Baird, Shane L. Johnson, Kansas City, is scheduled to be arraigned Tuesday, Sept. 28 at 9:30 a.m.

The arrest resulted from an incident that occurred on campus Sept. 2. He remains in the Nodaway County Jail on \$25,000 bond.

HALO to sponsor Mexican feast

HALO has a taco feast at the Wesley Students Center today from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale for \$3, but tacos can be picked up without a ticket. Tickets are sold to ensure enough food will be available.

Patrons will get tacos, rice and salsa. They may eat there or take out. Drinks will be provided.

Professor chosen for committee

Paul Falcone, assistant professor of art, has accepted an invitation to serve as a member of the nomination/selection committee for the 1995-96 Missouri Arts Council Visual Artists' Biennial.

Missouri's outstanding visual artists are acknowledged and financially rewarded through the Biennial. In 1995-96, the Missouri Arts Council will sponsor the Visual Artists' Biennial in partnership with the University of Missouri-Columbia Museum of Art and Archaeology.

During the first year of each Biennial, up to five Missouri visual artists are selected to have their work placed in exhibition, and during the second year, the exhibition tours throughout the state.

As a member of the selection committee, Falcone will be one of four arts professionals from various areas of the state responsible for the nomination and selection of Missouri artists to be exhibitors in the Visual Artists' Biennial.



ANDY SPIRE AND TOM DEARDORFF of Swede Ready Mix construction put the finishing touches on the concrete poured at 3rd and Munn.

Peach Creek acquires funds for construction

Maryville allocates \$15,000 to repair erosion problems around First, Fifth streets

By ROGER HUGHLETT
CHIEF REPORTER

An additional \$15,000 has been allocated by the Maryville City Council for construction to be completed along the south banks of Peach Creek, according to Ron Franz, director of public works.

Monday, Sept. 20, the City Council toured areas along Peach Creek. Afterward, the council unanimously passed approval for the funding.

The money will provide funds for storm drainage and embankment protection projects along Peach Creek.

The \$15,000 was a change order to the original \$47,000 allocated to the embankment project.

This means the new funds are in addition to the existing funds provided for the project.

"The city thought it was best just to clean up that area out there and put a concrete swale in," Franz said.

The creek will also be widened to maintain a smooth flow of water.

The new funds will allow some much-needed improvements to be made along the creek's southern banks, which includes First through Fifth streets, according to Franz.

"Our goal is to straighten up and straighten out the bank of Peach Creek," Franz said.

"We are going to put in bank protection

where needed between First and Fifth streets. That is where the money will be spent along Peach Creek. All additional money will be spent in this area," he said.

City Council allocated \$140,000 for work along Peach Creek. This includes the funds appropriated specifically for the embankment protection project.

The \$15,000 for the change order is also taken out of the original amount, according to Franz.

Erosion prevention is the primary reason why the city is putting forth the funds to do such extensive work.

"We want to protect that area from soil erosion," Franz said.

"This will also alleviate some maintenance problems we have had in the past. There have been problems in the past with the whole Peach Creek area from the college down to Munn Street," he said.

Another project along Peach Creek was recently completed.

"We just completed Third and Peach Creek," Franz said. "We put in a new wash tube under the street. We also lowered the street about a foot to prevent the water from damming up across the street."

According to Franz, the portion of Third Street that is being worked on will be closed for the next few weeks.

The additional work along Peach Creek depends on the weather.

If the weather cooperates, the projects will be completed as soon as possible, according to Franz.

Rails to Trails may become reality in Maryville

City and students express interest in outdoor biking route near campus

By KATIE HARRISON
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Imagine hopping on a bicycle just behind Garrett-Strong and riding swiftly across town to Beal Park. Now, a hiking, cycling and general-use trail may not be so far out of reach for residents of Maryville.

The results of a survey taken by the Maryville Parks and Recreation Department in the spring of 1990 indicated the citizens of Maryville felt there was a great need for a multi-use trail in the city of Maryville. With the development of Moxingo recreational area, the trail is becoming a thought on the minds of many Maryville residents.

"A bike trail from the city limits out to Moxingo would be an asset to Maryville residents," Richard Landes, Northwest Cycling Club sponsor, said.

One way a trail of this nature could become a reality is through Rails to Trails, which is a non-profit organization

headquartered in Washington, D.C. Its objective is to convert abandoned railroad right-of-ways to trails, which can be used for a variety of purposes.

Some of the uses of the new trails would include cycling, walking, jogging, nature hiking and cross country skiing.

One of the major Rails To Trails projects in this area is the Katy Trail, which runs through central Missouri. When it is completed, the Katy Trail will be the longest multi-use trail in the nation at about 200 miles.

A Rails To Trails project closer to home runs from Council Bluffs to Blanchard, Iowa. This Iowa trail project was also brought about by the Iowa Heritage Foundation. The foundation currently purchases land for trails as well as developing and maintaining several trails in Iowa.

A group of Maryville citizens would like this trail to extend through Burlington Jct., Elmo and Maryville.

Safety is another concern for cyclists at Northwest and in Maryville. The number of places to ride without the interference of traffic is very small in this area.

"There are not a lot of good places for cycling which are

safe," Collin Wamsley, Northwest Cycling Club president, said.

A problem, affecting the safety of rides around Maryville, is the number of highway construction sites.

Support of a trail in Maryville is growing, and some believe interest in other outdoor activities would also increase if the trail was to become a reality.

"I think that a trail would increase interest in cycling at Northwest and in Maryville," Wamsley said.

The Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act, recently passed, has drawn support for trail projects across the United States.

It calls for a more flexible approach to the planning and funding of transportation with emphasis on alternatives to the motor vehicle.

This legislation along with the lobbying of area organizations may speed the process of getting a suitable trail in this area.

"We are trying to do what we can to support (the project) and get it through," Wamsley said. "We are just looking for a safe place to ride," Wamsley said.



STATE NEWS

Webster receives maximum 2-year sentence

KANSAS CITY (AP) — Former Attorney General Bill Webster was sentenced to 24 months in prison Tuesday, Sept. 21. Webster received the longest term he could be given.

Judge D. Brook Bartlett decided against the government's recommended 18-month sentence by extending it six months to punish Webster and to deter any other public officials from committing crimes in office.

Webster pleaded guilty to two public corruption charges, conspiracy and misappropriation of state funds in June. As part of his plea agreement, Webster has surrendered his law license.

The judge did not convict Webster of involvement in the Second Injury Fund scandal as the government had suggested earlier. Webster blamed his association with the scandal as the cause of his unsuccessful gubernatorial campaign last November.

Webster was ordered to begin serving his prison sentence by Jan. 20. The delay was requested so that Webster may spend the holidays with his family.

Gaming commission accepts applications

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Eighteen applications for riverboat casinos in 14 cities or counties arrived at the Missouri Gaming Commission's office Monday, Sept. 20, the first day of the initial 45-day application period.

Riverboat gambling was approved by Missouri voters in November, and the law allows gambling on the Mississippi and Missouri rivers only in those cities and counties that have passed referendums on gaming.

Robert Wolfson, chairman of the commission, has said the first licenses could be issued as early as January.

The commission accepted more than \$1.74 million in filing fees Monday to pay for background checks that will be done before the licenses are granted.

The application process begins with a two-inch-thick stack of forms, beginning with this bold-faced warning to the potential applicant:

"Applicants for licensure are seeking a privilege. The burden for proving qualifications to receive such a license is at all times on the applicant. Applicant must accept any risk of adverse public notice, embarrassment, criticism or other action, or financial loss..."

A dozen types of documents are supposed to comprise each applicant's package, including the application form; personal disclosure forms; an authorization to release personal information; an affidavit swearing full disclosure; an affirmative action hiring plan; any land-based economic development plan; paperwork showing permission from a local government; and authorization to look into tax forms.

The application form alone delves into the applicant's past and experiences. It asks whether the applicant is or has ever been party to bankruptcy or other legal action — excluding divorce — and whether its local, state or federal taxes have ever been audited.

Personal disclosure forms are required not only of the applicant, but from key employees, including the casino manager, security chief, surveillance manager and the manager of slot machines. The one-time application fee is \$1,000, and \$50 per year.



NATIONAL NEWS

Clinton's health plan will guarantee coverage

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — President Bill Clinton pitched his long-awaited Health Care Reform bill to America yesterday. His plan calls for Congress to enact reform measures that will guarantee every American comprehensive medical benefits.

The plan would require employers to pay 80 percent of the average health premium for all workers, leaving the employee to pay the rest.

Many economists, consultants, members of Congress and Americans believe Clinton's plan has a few weaknesses.

Many of those people agree the health plan will not cut costs nearly as much as the administration plans. They believe the plan would actually increase the federal budget deficit, instead of cutting it, as officials have been hoping.

According to a CBS poll, 51 percent of Americans said they believe the plan would be fair while 21 percent believed it would not be.

The poll also showed that 51 percent said they expect and would be willing to pay more for health care under the new plan.

Abortion clinic burns in fire, arson suspected

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. (AP) — A fire destroyed an abortion clinic before dawn Monday, Sept. 20, and arson is suspected, authorities said. No injuries were reported.

Three neighboring buildings containing several businesses and offices also were destroyed, firefighters said. Assistant Fire Chief Henry Pacheco estimated damage at \$500,000.

Police responding to an alarm discovered the fire at the local office of Family Planning Associates shortly before 4 a.m., according to Bill Goatcher, arson investigator.

When firefighters arrived, flames were shooting through the roof of the one-story building that housed the clinic. Investigators had not determined the cause but suspect arson, according to Pacheco.

44 die aboard Amtrak as it derails into bayou

SARALAND, Ala. (AP) — An Amtrak train, the cross-country Sunset Limited, plunged over a bridge into a nearby bayou yesterday, killing 44 passengers.

159 passengers survived Amtrak's deadliest wreck in its 23-year history. However, search teams continue to look for three passengers.

FBI officials are investigating the possibility that a barge may have struck and weakened the bridge before the wreck. Of the six barges in the area, one had a large dent in it and some of the bridge's concrete pilings also were dented.

Investigators were also considering the possibility that the bridge had been sabotaged or was not structurally sound.

About half of the 500-foot long bridge collapsed, throwing all three engines and four of the eight cars into the alligator and snake-ridden waters below.

Mobile Police Chief Harold Johnson said he will meet with prosecutors today to discuss possible criminal charges. Johnson would not give any details as to the investigation.



WORLD NEWS

Yeltsin dissolves parliament, moves elections

MOSCOW (AP) — President Boris Yeltsin took a career risk Tuesday, Sept. 21, when he dissolved parliament and moved to replace it with a new elections in December.

Yeltsin hoped to get support from the Russian people. However, Vice President Alexander Rutskoi urged supporters to resist Yeltsin's advances. Rutskoi was sworn in as acting president after the Russian parliament impeached Yeltsin. After taking office Rutskoi nullified Yeltsin's actions and ordered the parliament to be restored.

Yeltsin said anyone who tries to stand in the way of his moves will be "punished by law."

President Bill Clinton expressed his support for Yeltsin's moves as long as he acts in a way that would "promote peace, stability and an open political process this autumn." Public opinion tends to side against Yeltsin and his Communist-dominated parliament.

Parliament's term ends in 1995 and Yeltsin's expires in 1996.

Mexican president pushes NAFTA, immigration

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. (AP) — Mexican President Carlos Salinas de Gortari Monday, Sept. 20, ventured into the heart of California's raging political debate over jobs, free trade and immigration.

With protesters outside chanting "No NAFTA, No Way," Salinas used his keynote address at a world business conference to depict Mexico as a land of ongoing reform whose progress depends, at least in part, on the North American Free Trade Agreement.

The pact, if approved by Congress, would eliminate tariffs and other barriers to the movement of goods, services and investment among the United States, Canada and Mexico. If approved, NAFTA would create the world's largest trading bloc.

Right-wing Israelis rally to debate peace pact

JERUSALEM (AP) — As right-wing Israelis rallied outside parliament and vowed not to give up an inch of Israel, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin put the Israel-PLO accord and his government's future in the hands of the legislators. Rabin was assured of only a slim majority, and Labor party leaders were negotiating behind the scenes in attempts to persuade undecided religious lawmakers to support the plan.

In the streets, tens of thousands of right-wing Israelis marched from the Western Wall, Judaism's holiest site in Jerusalem's walled Old City, to the parliament, shouting "death" to PLO chairman Yasser Arafat.

The Israelis broke through police barriers and chased the Palestinians up a main commercial street. The two sides battled with flag poles.

In the Gaza Strip, meanwhile, gunmen killed Mohammed Abu Shaaban, 35, a top leader of Arafat's Fatah group, Arab reports said. The unofficial accounts said he was either killed by fundamentalist opponents of the agreement or by rivals within Fatah.

It was the first political killing since the Sept. 13 signing of the PLO-Israel accord and came amid growing fears of a major conflict between Palestinian supporters and opponents of the agreement.

Senators stress leadership skills

Retreat goals include focusing on teamwork, communication, future

By JEN STEWART
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Teamwork, leadership and communication were three of the main ideas stressed at the Student Senate retreat Friday, Sept. 17 and Saturday, Sept. 18.

According to Kevin Spiehs, Senate vice president of Public Relations, the retreat was designed to bring old and new members together.

Spiehs stated the retreat gave members an opportunity to discuss plans in an informal atmosphere.

Camp Geiger was the setting for workshops and lectures given by Dennise Ottinger, dean of students, and Bob Bush, vice president for Applied Research.

Most said the lectures proved to be a valuable asset to Senate members.

"Bush talked a lot about quality management and the customer coming first," P.J. Amys, Senate Treasurer, said. "Senate is a governing body over the students, and we must uphold their trust."

Senate had the opportunity to break up into individual committees and concentrate on their specific goals for the year.

"The PR committee was able to discuss establishing relationships between us and the students," Spiehs said. "Once we sat down and started

talking, things really began to take off." Senate is concerned about bettering the existing communication line.

"As a member of the exec board, being broke up in committees gave us a chance to know what each other was working on," Amys said. "Building trust in each other as well as the students was really stressed."

According to Spiehs, Senate wants to concentrate on being more open with students and informing the student body of relevant issues.

"We want to let the students know what is going on and try to help bridge any gaps that may exist," Spiehs said. "I hope we're able to do that."

According to Amys, since new members may be unfamiliar with Senate procedures, the retreat offered a chance to learn the necessary information to become comfortable with their jobs.

"Each group sat down with new and old members and talked about what they were to do and how to do it," Amys said.

Questions could be answered up front and not left up to a lot of guessing.

Amys went on to say new members would not be as reluctant to volunteer for certain tasks or to speak up and make suggestions at meetings.

"Senate would really like to get more input from the new members during discussions and I think now they will feel more comfortable to do that," Amys said.

"We can generate more ideas this way and in return benefit the students, in general, more."

Campus judiciary is center of complaints

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Contrary to Hubbard's opinion, victims and onlookers often express different viewpoints.

"I am glad they ruled in my favor, but if they are not going to punish him, it is not worth going through," Justus said.

According to Keith Woods, director of Maryville Public Safety, the campus system holds a certain amount of potential to cause harm.

"There are a lot of different people who have the potential of suffering," Woods said. "If a serious offender is not dealt with appropriately, and repeats an offense, then who has the administrative process served?"

Woods added the University's process is not serving the needs of the students.

"I have had some problems with the disciplinary process out there calling itself a judiciary process," Woods said. "In reality they are not. They are not associated with any court of law. They are strictly an administrative process. Unfortunately, some of the past

practices were to handle somewhat serious matters through that administrative process. I don't agree with a lot that goes on with that."

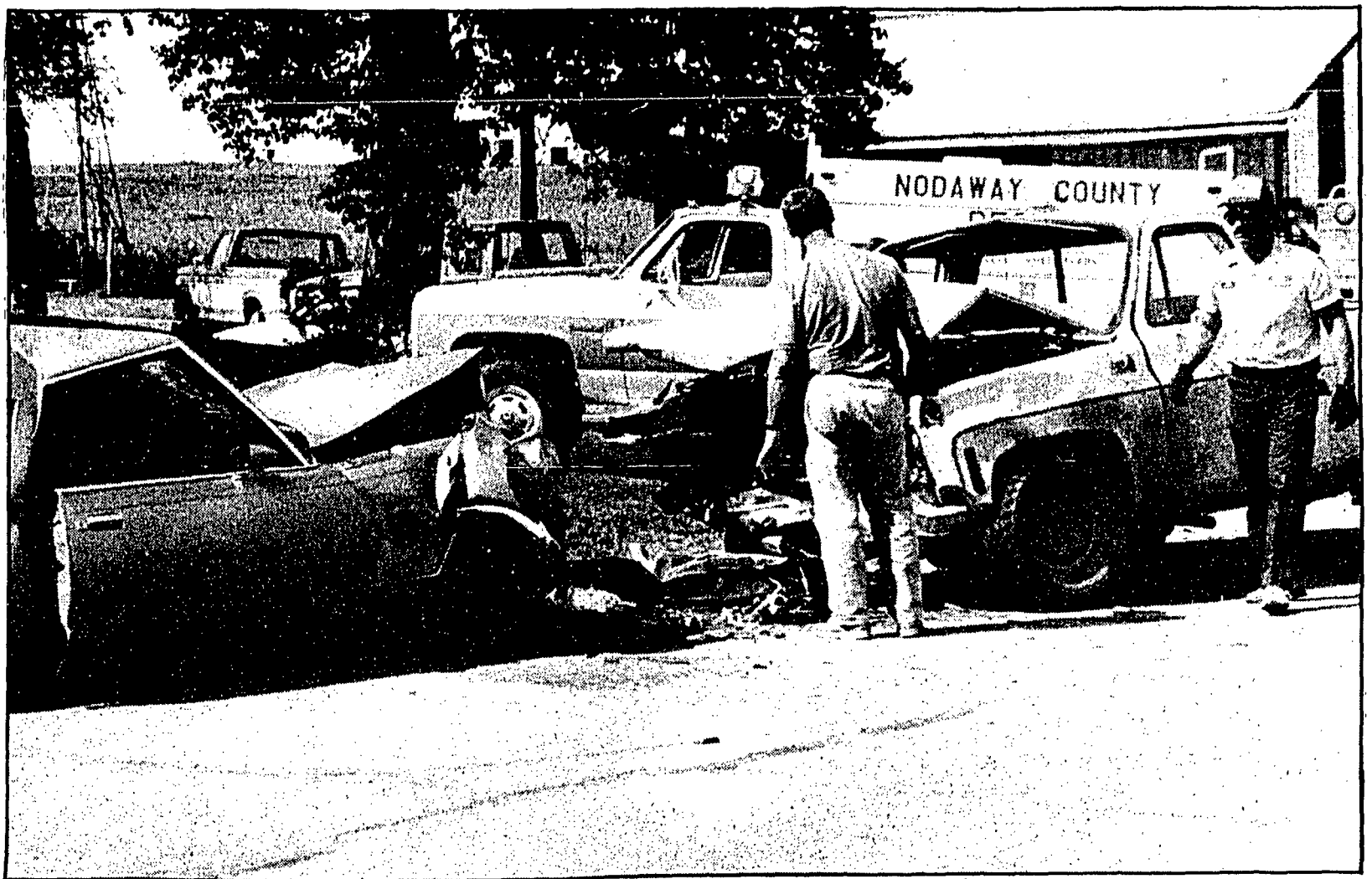
Justus said she was hurt by the decision handed down in her case. The assailant was found guilty and was expelled from the residential halls for a semester.

"I was angry and shocked," Justus said. "I felt like I had done everything for nothing. I felt like they were all mocking me because they didn't do anything; they didn't take him away. The whole reason behind (prosecution) was to get him away, and they didn't do it. Denise (Ottinger) said if he was found guilty he would be suspended. She lied."

Justus said she chose to pursue campus prosecution a few months after she started receiving counseling through the University. She began counseling shortly after the incident occurred. This is where she found out campus prosecution was an option.

All of the victim's options are explained to them during counseling, according to Ottinger.

Accident results in serious injuries



STEVEN WOOLFOLK/Northwest Missourian

CLEANUP BEGINS ON 148 Highway following an accident Friday, Sept. 17, involving one Northwest student and three Iowa men. All four involved in the accident were sent to St. Francis Hospital, and three were later moved to Heartland East Hospital in St. Joseph, Mo.

Northwest student withdraws from remainder of semester; all four involved hospitalized

By STEVEN WOOLFOLK
EDITOR IN CHIEF

A two-car accident Friday, Sept. 17, just to the north of Pickering, Mo., resulted with three people, including a Northwest student, being sent to St. Francis Hospital with serious injuries.

The accident occurred when a 1978 Ford driven by Northwest student Hawkeye S. Wilson, 20, Des Moines, Iowa, struck a 1978 Chevrolet truck driven by Monte G. Wehrkamp, 46, Bedford, Iowa.

The accident totaled both vehicles, according

to the Missouri Highway patrol.

According to the Missouri Highway Patrol, Wilson was headed northbound on 148 Highway one mile north of Pickering when he passed a tractor-trailer on the east shoulder.

As Wilson attempted to return to the road, he oversteered into the southbound lane where he collided head-on with the truck driven by Wehrkamp.

None of those injured in the accident were wearing seatbelts, according to the Missouri Highway Patrol.

Wilson was transported to St. Francis Hospital with serious injuries and was later transferred to Heartland East Hospital in St. Joseph, Mo. where an orthopedic surgeon was available to exam injury sustained to his leg.

Wilson does not plan to return to the University this semester.

He will take the remainder of the semester off and return in spring.

A passenger in the Wehrkamp vehicle, Donald G. Wehrkamp, 70, Bedford, was taken to St. Francis and later transferred to Heartland East. He remained in the hospital as of yesterday and has been taken out of the intensive care unit and upgraded to good condition.

Greg A. Wehrkamp, 27, Gravity, Mo., was also a passenger in the vehicle at the time.

He was taken to St. Francis and then transferred to Heartland East where he remains in good condition.

Monte Wehrkamp was treated for minor injuries and released from St. Francis.

Program enhances electronic campus

Addition to VAX system broadens mathematics, scientific technologies

By SARA MEYERS
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Math and science students will get their chance to experiment with a new VAX program.

A new computer program was added to the VAX system this fall in order to broaden the scientific and mathematical enhancement of the electronic campus.

The matrix laboratory program, also called Matlab, was added to the VAX in order to add to the scientific computing abilities of the VAX system, and

also to present students with different types of information and graphs.

"We want a student to be able to sit down at a terminal and type a small amount of commands and be able to view the graph of a function," Mark Sand, assistant professor of math and statistics, said.

The new program will be most beneficial and helpful to those students who are interested or involved in mathematics or science courses, according to Sand.

However, students and professors in other areas might also prosper and learn from using the Matlab, according to Sand.

"Anyone who is in any math course could potentially benefit and any class

that uses math," Sand said. "People in other areas, like business students, may also be interested in it."

The program is set up as a matrix, a situation, substance or object within which something is contained, originated or developed, for ease in performing matrix operations, according to Sand.

For students involved in economics, there is also a matrix model of the U.S. economy, which can be used for several different operations, according to Sand.

Any person who has a node zero account can access the new program by typing Matlab at their prompt, according to Sand.

The system is not as user-friendly

as one might like it to be, but Sand has an introductory guide that anyone may pick up if interested.

Matlab also comes with a demonstration to help new users become more acquainted with the new system.

Typing the word 'help' after entering the program also assists students in familiarizing themselves with the program.

The program was purchased for approximately \$1,500 and took almost a year to complete the search and installation.

"From the time we started looking at programs, to allocating the money, getting the program ordered and installing it correctly, took about a year; but it was worth the wait," said Sand.

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Secretary eases administrative transition



MARCIA ALSUP aids VanDyke into her new position as interim vice president for Academic Affairs after Robert Culbertson's resignation. Alsop was the only office employee to retain her position during the transition period between Culbertson and VanDyke.

By JENNIFER KRAL
MISSOURIAN STAFF

Every chain has a strong link that holds the links together when they are pulled to their limits. Just as every building has a firm foundation upon which the most complex structure could stand.

Marcia Alsop, the secretary for the Vice President of Academic Affairs, is considered by many to be the cornerstone that anchors the office of academic affairs.

Alsop is the only veteran staff member that returned to the office. The department saw many changes, including the former Vice President for Academic Affairs Robert Culbertson's move to the University of Wisconsin.

One might think that when Culbertson left, things in his office would become a constant state of confusion.

Also to add to the confusion is a new staff.

Alsop, however, is quick to point out that this could not be further from the truth.

"We've had new staff, and it seems like everyone is learning their job, and I'm just kind of helping," Alsop said. "Dr. VanDyke was the assistant vice president of academic Affairs and then she moved into interim, so she kind of had a smooth transition. Really everyone's kind

of moved in and taken on those responsibilities, and if they have any questions I try to answer them."

When asked if it is hard not knowing when a permanent vice president will be in place, Alsop didn't seem too worried.

"Right now we are just trying to get adjusted," she said. "I'm just trying to go through this year. Maybe after that it would be challenging, because no two people do things alike. So you adjust to each person's system."

Alsop is in her 15th year as an employee at Northwest. She started April 1978 as a secretary in the history and humanities department and then moved into her present job in December of 1982.

Alsop's job responsibilities include serving as a receptionist and keeping the calendar for the Vice President of Academic Affairs. However, her most important responsibility is something that every student depends on.

"I deal with all the room assignments after all the classroom schedules are built," Alsop said. "We prepare the class schedule itself for the newspaper in our office."

Alsop also enjoys the personal side of her job as well.

"I like working with people, the students coming in, and also working with the faculty and staff," she said.

Eastern Europeans observe democracy

By JENNI BARNETT
MISSOURIAN STAFF

Introduction of democratic procedures for former Soviet satellite countries resulted in the exchange of ideas.

A proposal, written by University President Dean Hubbard, suggested a workshop demonstrating the mechanics of state and local governments of democracy for those countries emerging in the Soviet empire. The proposal asked for influential cities interested in democracy.

Through these workshop all individuals can be actively involved in making this transition, according to Richard Frucht, professor of history and program adviser. Interested cities were found through the American embassies in Hungary, Romania, Poland and the Czech Republic. The four countries participated in an eight-week session.

In spring 1992 mayors and city officials from four central and eastern European countries attended two-day workshops on economic development, personal management, financing government and elections.

Frucht stressed that through these

workshops a chance for democracy and better way of life can be improved.

As a result of these workshops, all Romanian cities had mayoral elections, with all the information used in the elections being provided by Northwest's workshops.

The foreign interns spent three weeks observing and working in Kansas City on economic development.

The remaining time was spent at the city manager's office in Jefferson City, Mo.

The foreign representatives were able to take back the ideas they had learned to their native countries.

"We don't have all the answers," Frucht said.

As a result of the first grant, contacts were made through the University of the Czech Republic regarding a student exchange.

Students involved in Student Senate were hand-picked to lay the structure for future student exchanges.

Beginning in January, the Czech language will be offered for credit. After three semesters of Czech, students at Northwest will have the option to spend one semester in the Czech Republic, according to Frucht.

Health services searching for two nurses

Personnel shortage temporary; replacements needed promptly

By SUE MOHAMED
MISSOURIAN STAFF

The Student Health Services currently has two openings for the positions of nurse coordinator and registered nurse.

"Right now, we have two full-time nurses and one part-time nurse who are helping us until we find a replacement," Sally Klaas, licensed practicing nurse, said.

Kelly Demont, who has been with Health Services for five years, left to pursue her nursing career at a hospital.

"The nurses who are helping us are working on a

temporary basis," Klaas said.

The temporary nurse replaces the nurses on sick leave, she said.

"We want the nurse to fill in as soon as possible because we are working short-handed," Klaas said.

The problem of short-handedness is heightened with the rise of allergies and illness this semester.

"We have been really busy and hectic," Deb Schuster, licensed practicing nurse, said.

According to Schuster, advertisements for the positions were placed twice in the Maryville Daily Forum, Penny Press and the St. Joseph Newspress and Gazette shortly after the semester began. Interviews have also been conducted, but Health Services has not yet found a suitable replacement.

With the current illness circulating, this is not a good time for Health Services to find themselves

shorthanded, Schuster said.

"We have had a lot of problems with allergies and flu-like virus going around, and that brings in more people," Schuster said.

According to Schuster, Health Services is gearing up for an outbreak of influenza this fall - possibly the Beijing flu.

"I don't know that the virus we have on campus now is the Beijing flu, but all I know is that something of this kind is coming in the fall and it is suppose to be pretty bad," Schuster said.

According to Schuster, the Beijing flu can be treated with an immunization.

"The viral-type of flu that is going around on campus has no immunization," Schuster said. "Basically, if it is a viral thing, you've just got to let it run its course and treat its symptoms."

Non-traditional student dies

Lee T. Schneider III, 32, Maryville, died Sept. 13, 1993 at Heartland East Hospital in St. Joseph, Mo.

He was born Nov. 24, 1960, in Maryville. He returned to Maryville to attend Northwest in 1991 after attending the University of Missouri-Columbia, where he worked as a computer programmer and technician.

Schneider graduated from Maryville R-2 High School in 1979.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, in Maryville.

Survivors include his parents, Lee T. and Nina Faye Cox Schneider, of the home; one brother, Kevin Schneider, Huntsville, Ala., and one sister, Terri Schneider, Liberty.

Memorials are suggested to the First Presbyterian Church, Maryville, or the National Alliance for the Mentally III.

Bylaws tightened for Senate

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Senate had a problem with people being elected then not raising their GPA. Under the new rules, those people would no longer be allowed to remain a part of Senate.

The second change involves deadlines for registering applications for executive board positions.

Bylaws will read "Manner of

nomination by submitting a completed application to the Student Senate office. The deadline for application shall be 24 hours prior to the rules meeting."

Last year, Skaggs said Robert Sochoki turned in application after Northwest offices had closed.

Because the offices had been closed, there was no way for Senate to verify his class standing which was below the required standing of junior.

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Merchandising class provides hands-on training for students

By JENNIFER KRAL
MISSOURIAN STAFF

Many students place importance on learning practical knowledge about their intended major. They often believe a class should not only teach knowledge but also how to apply what has been already learned.

The University recognizes this important aspect of the education process and introduced a new class this fall to marketing students.

The class, Retail Display, taught by Beth Goudge, professor of human environmental sciences, allows students to gain practical hands-on experience by putting together displays, both on and off campus. Many students believe the choice to add this class fills a void in the merchandising program.

"It is a good class to add in the major, because before there was nothing specific

about this subject," Heather Klink, junior, said. "It is a little piece of the program that was overlooked, and now they realized the need."

Students in the class use the principles of design to create displays for local businesses.

Students not only learn how to design a window display, but they also deal with the whole aspect of visual merchandising.

"Visual merchandising is an important part of the class, because it has an impact on the consumers, such as, with the background design of the store," Goudge said.

The class was created because of student requests and interest.

"Students used to do a display as a part of another class, and they always wanted to do more," Goudge said.

Student response about the class is favorable, with most students happy about getting to actually work to put together a display.

"What I like best about the class is the

hands-on application," Jennifer Miller, senior, said. "Not just getting taught about the way things are supposed to be, but actually getting to go out and do it."

Other students made sure they were able to take the class.

"I thought the class would be exciting and interesting," Klink said. "I had to shift my schedule two to three times in order to fit this class in. Some people think it sounds like an easy class, but they don't know all of the work and planning that goes into it."

Because the class deals with trends in visual merchandising, Goudge hopes the class will be offered at least once a year.

Trends change almost on a daily basis. It is important students recognize the changes, so they can then prepare displays that will be most beneficial to the business they are designing for and also for the needs of the customer, according to Goudge.

Religious group supports gay rights

Faith, Fairness and Freedom hold prayer service in attempt to cease discrimination against homosexuals

By CODY WALKER
MISSOURIAN STAFF

In response to a proposed anti-gay rights amendment, a prayer service was organized and held by the group Faith, Fairness and Freedom Sept. 13 in the University Club North.

Formed in June, FFF is a cooperative movement among religious organizations to oppose efforts to add the amendment to the Missouri constitution.

"There is an amendment coalition group that is seeking a ban on any type of legal protection for homosexuals," Marilyn Mutti, FFF member, said. "In Missouri, St. Louis and Kansas City are among the few cities which protect these ordinances."

According to Stacia Bensyl, FFF member, the bill would make it legal to discriminate against someone's organization.

"It's saying somewhat that if you're gay, you can be told that you can't rent a house, apartment or have a specific job," Bensyl said.

The organization was formed to protect all human and civil rights but is currently focusing only on the amendment issue, according to Mike Mahers, Catholic Campus minister.

"The prayer meeting was a formal service of coming

together to recognize injustice of all kinds," Marjean Ehlers, Methodist campus minister, said. "It was a very helpful and positive strength offered to the campus."

According to Mahers, a similar bill was tried in both Colorado and Oregon but only passed in Colorado after some controversy.

"It is now being held up in the courts because it's unconstitutional to put people's rights to a vote," Mahers said.

The bill will be placed on the ballot if 125,000 signatures are acquired in six out of the nine Missouri districts.

"Our concern is that if a bill were presented and passed, we would find ourselves in a more continued prejudice against a person's personal rights," Ehlers said.

About 35 faculty members, students and concerned citizens attended the service.

"The service had a really good feeling of giving and taking and helping fellow human beings," Mutti said. "I was really moved during the service."

Bensyl said the group was formed in an effort to show the community the stand for human and civil rights.

"We're a religious group and an American group; we believe in American justice and fairness," Mahers said. "Which means equality of all people."

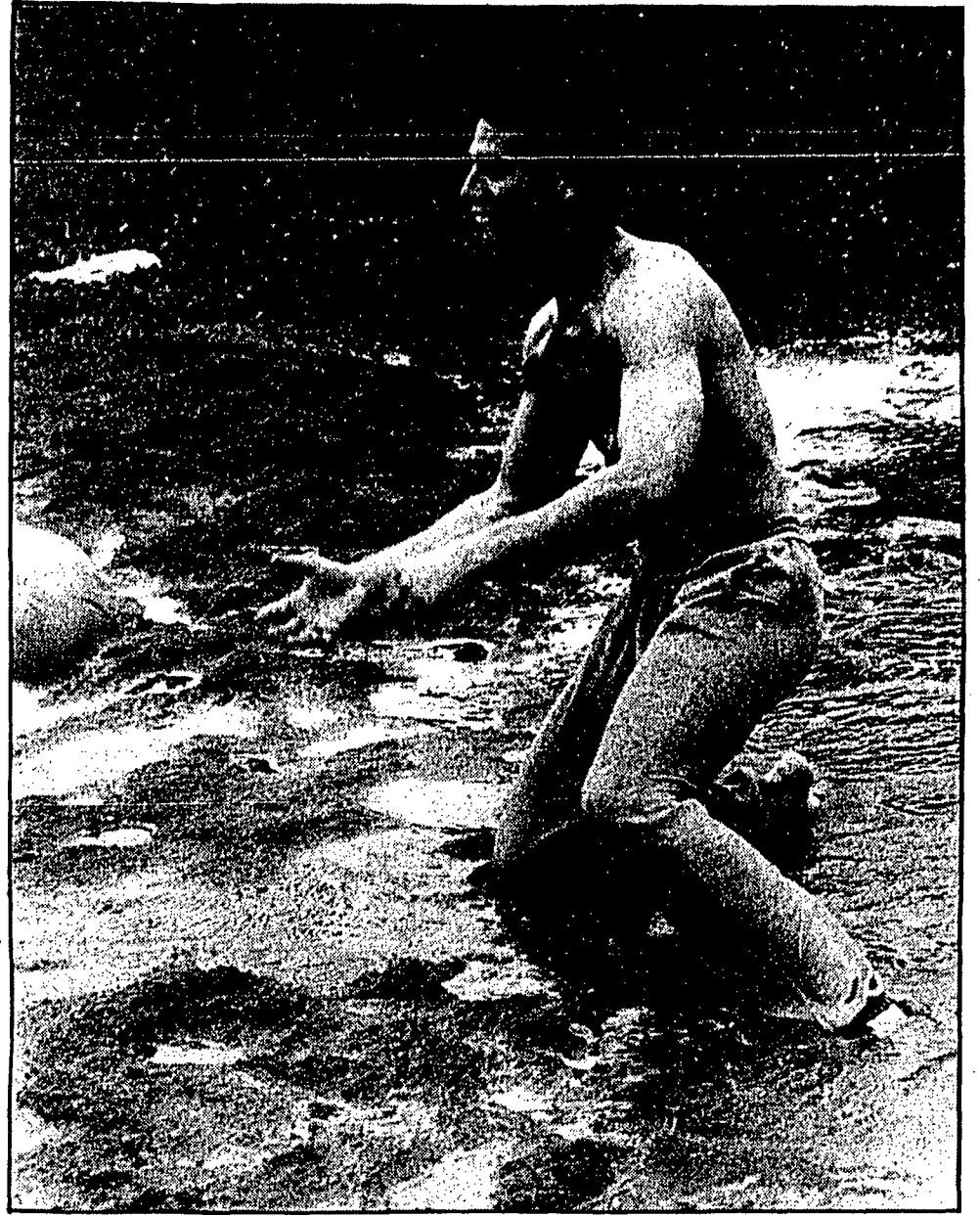
Voting down the amendment would not give a certain group of people special rights, according to Bensyl.

"No one is asking for anything special, just equal treatment," Bensyl said. "It has to do with basic human rights—the right to live where you want and to get a job."

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Marilyn Mutti
FFF member

DOWN AND DIRTY



TONY MICELI/Northwest Missourian

TAKING ADVANTAGE OF a normally dismal situation, Matt Hennam, freshman, takes timeout for a game of volleyball. Maryville received eight inches of rain Tuesday.

New minor under consideration

By REGINA BRUNTMEYER
MISSOURIAN EDITOR

Faculty members in various departments and disciplines are doing a feasibility study to determine the possibility of a Gender Studies minor.

Currently there are two classes that are available: History of Women and Psychology of Women.

Other classes being considered are Sociology of Women; an education class; an English class; and a class covering gender, race, and ethnicity.

The group has met twice and is working with other departments to determine necessary classes.

"We are exploring possibilities right now and really don't know if this minor will be available," Beth Richards, professor of English, said. "There are so many factors involved, and lots of steps to go through."

Last spring, a survey was given to students in various classes to see if there was an interest in a Women's Studies minor. The results of the study were positive, and the group started working on the different possibilities and aspects of the study.

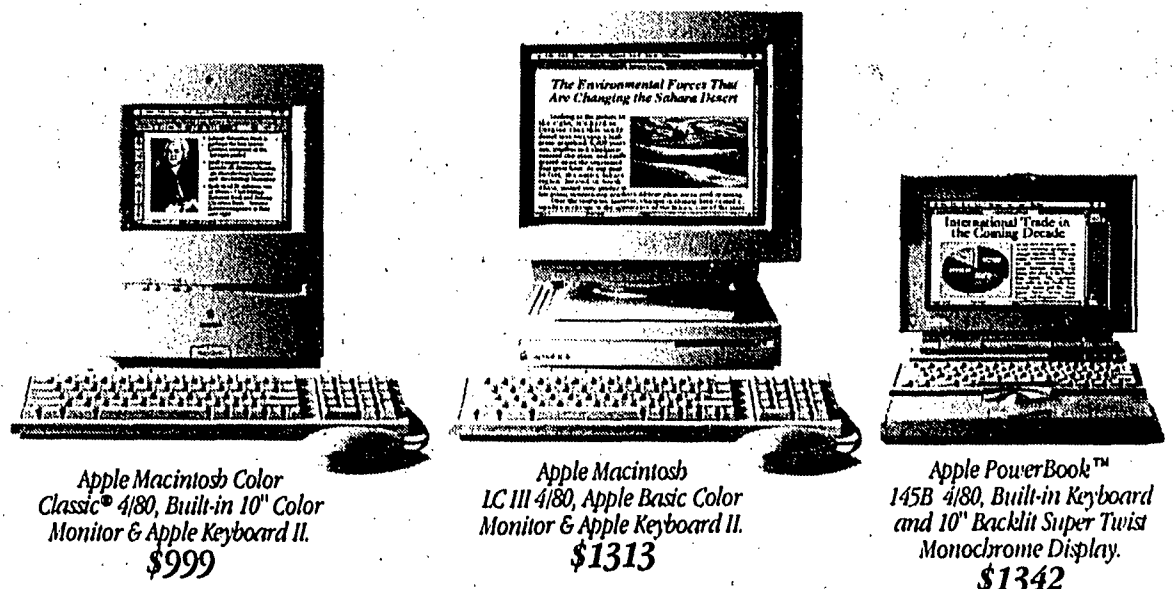
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OFF THE BENCH

Kansas City fans need to evaluate sport superstars

Now that Joe and Jennifer Montana have moved to Kansas City, it may be safe to assume that all the other Chiefs players and their families have moved out of town.

The amount of media coverage and attention that the Montana entourage has received is unbelievable. No longer do we refer to the team by itself, it is always Montana and the Chiefs.

The first words out of announcers' mouths before a Chiefs game concern the playing status of good ole Joe — as if the team is doomed without him.

A friend of mine counted the number of times a sports reporter mentioned Montana's name compared to the other players as a whole. The results were something like 38-17.

And heaven forbid if Joe doesn't play. Of course that is the only reason the Chiefs lost against the Houston Oilers, and if Joe would have played the team could have a 3-0 record right now.

Obviously the media are not alone in the god-like worship of Joe. Area sports paraphernalia stores estimated a 20 percent sales increase the day of the Denver game. Most of the Chiefs items sold, bore the name Montana and the number 19.

Montana's wife in the spotlight

Not only are Kansas Citians going gaga over Joe, but his wife Jennifer as well.

Last Saturday a 5 by 7 1/2 inch photo of Jennifer graced the cover of the *Kansas City Star* Style section along with a lengthy story and photos of two of the Montana children and one of Joe and Jennifer.

Joe is not the only one in the family bringing home the bacon. Jennifer, his third wife, is pulling her share as a part-time feature and color reporter for KMBC, Channel 9 in Kansas City.

She attended a community college in Southern California for a few months before becoming a professional model. She was briefly the host of a San Francisco television program, but she has hardly the typical credentials necessary to obtain a reporter's position at a station like KMBC. If she wasn't Joe Montana's wife she probably wouldn't have the job.

Jennifer praises the area that the Montanas now live in, Hallbrook, her comments about the children's education can easily be interpreted as slams against midwest education.

She claims that her children were in very progressive schools in Northern California and her main goal is to keep them from falling behind.

Other athletics deserve respect

All of a sudden the Montanas are everywhere. Why isn't George Brett's wife on the cover of the *Style* section or given a guest reporting job on KMBC?

Do we ever hear anything about Nick Lowery's wife and children and whether his jerseys are selling like hotcakes? After all, his five field goals were responsible for all 15 of the Chiefs points against Denver Monday night.

Kansas City has overestimated Montana's importance. In the Broncos game he failed to throw any touchdown passes. Credit should be given to the Kansas City defensive line for disrupting Elway's rhythm and limiting Denver's scoring power.

Joe Phillips, Derrick Thomas, Dan Saleaumua and Neil Smith forced Denver's offensive line to jump offside and negated big offensive plays.

The real offensive star of Monday's game was Marcus Allen, who, on 17 carries rushed for 91 yards.

The overwhelming weakness of the Chiefs offense was not giving Montana the protection he needed. This was inevitable in light of the recent personnel changes the offensive line was forced to make.

Kansas City has gotten way too caught up in the Montana bandwagon. Why not give some of the other worthy Kansas City athletes their share of the attention and admiration, especially those who have been around long enough to truly deserve the warmth

PLAYER WATCH

Ahmed Mortis

Class: Senior
Hometown: Los Angeles (LA Southwest CC)
Major: Physical education

Career stats: Earned a second team spot on the 1992 all-MIAA squad

Last year's stats: Led the team in tackles last year with 109 total stops, 73 solo
Made most tackles in a single game last year against Mankato State 14 total, 10 solo
Started all eleven games in the 1992 season



Bearcats fail in last effort

Missouri Western squeezes Northwest 21-14; gridsters prepare to conquer Northeast

By MATT KITZI
MISSOURIAN STAFF

Sometimes, when the going gets tough, the tough just can't catch a break.

That seemed to be the theme carried by the Bearcats as they dropped to 0-3 on the year with a 21-14 loss to Missouri Western State College in St. Joseph, Mo. Saturday, Sept. 18.

The Griffons jumped out to a 21-0 lead, scoring three times on big plays. In the first quarter, Griffon quarterback Joe Mauldin hooked up with split end Allan Lafave on a 66-yard touchdown. Mauldin had to elude three would-be tacklers and run the entire width of the field to get the pass away.

The Griffons also got an 83-yard touchdown run from running back Dess Douglas. Later they blocked senior punter Ryan Schieb's punt which Lafave recovered for a touchdown.

"Basically, we got beat on three plays," Bearcat head coach Bud Elliott said. "Outside of that, we pretty well dominated the football game."

To keep the contest within reach, Northwest relied heavily on senior linebacker Ahmed Mortis. He had 15 tackles including eight solo, an interception and made two key plays to stop Griffon drives by reading and thwarting a draw and screen play.

Though down by three touchdowns, the 'Cats weren't ready to throw in the towel. In the third quarter, senior quarterback Lawrence "Bunky" Luster hit junior receiver Jaysen Horn with a 40-yard touchdown strike.

Later in the half, Luster ran the option left, sucked in the defense before pitching at the last moment to junior running back Jesse Haynes. Haynes took the pitch and tip-toed down the sideline for a 42-yard touchdown.

After forcing the Griffons to punt, Northwest got the ball back on their own 24 with three minutes left. Luster completed a 27-yard pass to freshman spit end Roderick Bowers and then a 28-yarder to senior tight end Ben Hansen over the middle.

After senior running back Grant McCartney's 20-yard scamper, the 'Cats had four shots at the end zone from the Griffons 9-yard line.

But the drive stalled there. Luster was forced to scramble twice, completed one short pass and then watched his fourth-down pass fall incomplete in the end zone, sealing the win for the Griffons.

Although they didn't come out on top, Northwest had plenty of positive things happen Satur-



JON BRITTON/Northwest Missourian

SENIOR FREE SAFETY Cody Buhmeister gets overwhelmed by the Missouri Western State College quarterback Joe Mauldin. The Bearcats met up with the Griffons in St. Joseph, Saturday, where the Griffons won 21-14.

day. The 'Cats outgained Missouri Western on the ground, in total yards, in first downs and held the ball for six minutes more than their opponent.

What's more, the defense gave up only 304 yards. Take away the two big plays, and the Griffons only gained 155 yards on offense.

"I thought the most positive thing was the way our defense played as a whole unit and really gelled," senior captain, Jason Krone, said.

Elliott agreed on the progress of the defense, however, the offense fell short.

"I thought the defense was much improved," Elliott said. "On offense, we should have scored on our final drive, but we also missed several other opportunities. At least five times if we'd have gotten the ball into the right person's hands we would have scored."

PREVIEW

The Bearcats return home this weekend to take on the Northeast Missouri State University Bulldogs in the annual battle for the Old Hickory Stick. Northwest hasn't held the Stick since 1984.

CHIEFS WATCH



This week's game ...
opponent: **Denver Broncos**
score: **15-7**
Up next ...
opponent: **Los Angeles Raiders**
when: **October 3, noon**
where: **Arrowhead Stadium**

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STATLINE

NW	First downs	MWS
19	12	
55-136	Rushes-yds.	39-159
136	Passing yds.	145
8-21-0	Comp-Att-Int.	7-17-1
76-365	Plays-yds.	56-304
9-27-7	Punts-average	8-40.0
1-0	Fumbles-lost	2-1
6-61	Penalties-yds.	5-47
4-18	Third downs	2-11
32:51	Time of poss.	27:09

'CATS INDIVIDUAL STATS
RUSHING: Haynes 8-66, 17D; McCartney 8-58; Luster 18-49; Krone 8-33
PASSING: Luster 8-21-0, 136 yds., 1 TD
RECEIVING: Brooks 3-19; Hansen 2-41; Horn 1-46, 1TD; Bowers 1-27; Krone 1-3
TACKLES: Mortis 15 (8 solo); Buhmeister 9 (6 solo)

'Cats volleyball player excels

Yurka has opportunity to make All-MIAA team of academics again

Success for senior volleyball player Heidi Yurka has not only come on the court, but off the court as well. She has the chance to accomplish something that very few Bearcat athletes as well as MIAA athletes have done — make the All-MIAA academic team for the third time.

For the past two seasons Yurka, an accounting major, has been selected to the All-MIAA academic team. If she lands a spot on the prestigious team this year she will become the second volleyball player in Northwest history to do so.

"I owe my success in volleyball and in the classroom to time management,"

Yurka said. "I also spend a lot of time in practice and at the library."

The renovation of Lamkin Gym this season has forced all of the home volleyball games to be played on the road. This poses a big problem for not only her, but to the other players as well.

"Because we travel most every Friday, we miss a lot of classes," Yurka said. "I'm probably going to have to call a lot of people for class notes this year."

Yurka grants most of her success to good time management and taking most of her hard classes in the spring rather than in the fall.

"Last year I didn't have any classes on Fridays," Yurka said. "I just worked out my schedule so I wouldn't have to miss class as much as in the past."

Her success on the court is also well

known throughout the MIAA.

She is currently fifth in the MIAA in digs with an average of 3.54 per game.

Last season Yurka was second on the team in saving digs with 437, including a career high 27 digs last year against the College of St. Mary.

She has also rarely been absent from the volleyball court in recent years.

As a two-year starter for the Bearcats, Yurka has played in all 42 matches and all but three games out of the 154 games that the 'Cats played last season.

"She is our best defensive player," head coach Sarah Pelster said.

"Heidi is very consistent and she shows it on the court. She is one of those that leads by example instead of by words," she said.



TONY MICELI/Northwest Missourian

HEIDI YURKA DIVES for the ball at Monday's practice. Yurka has the chance to make the All-MIAA academic team for the third time.

Aerobics adopts new country craze

On-campus recreation classes provide stress release, entertainment

By AARON GARRISON
MISSOURIAN STAFF

The country craze is sweeping the nation — not only in music and fashion, but aerobics as well.

In addition to regular and water aerobics, classes are now being offered on campus combining popular country line dances and aerobics.

The classes are held in the aquatic center and also in the dance studio, located of Martindale Gym, and are open to everyone in the community.

In the classes allowing students to receive credit, there is a limit of 30 students; but instructor Lori Stiens said that she tries not to turn away anyone from the other classes.

During the water aerobics class,

there is always a lifeguard on duty. This is for the students safety, Stiens said, and she sometimes gets in the water with the students. It is hard to keep an eye on everyone in the class.

Class exercises include 20 minutes of aerobics and 20 minutes of stepping. Two specific exercises are Hi-Lo Cardiovascular combination of high and low impact aerobics and Cardio-blast-low impact aerobic workout combined with light hand weights.

Other exercises include the interval step, which involves 3-5 minutes of stepping combined with 1-3 minutes of sculpting. TNT is one of the exercises that uses new and innovative ways to increase muscular strength and endurance.

It also uses resistance for all over body strengthening.

The Challenge Circuit Workout is an interval circuit workout that moves from station to station through a se-

quence of athletic tasks.

The Power muscle step is an intense and dynamic step workout to further challenge users with powerful propulsion movements combined with muscle building resistance work.

Sometimes it is tough for the students to get motivated for a tough workout such as this, so the classes use upbeat music.

"The beat of the music is more important, because the students tend to be concentrating more on the steps they are doing," Stiens said.

The cost of the classes are \$18 a month or \$60 for the semester.

The students enrolled in the class here on campus are charged the regular fee that is charged for a one credit hour.

Classes are offered on Monday and Wednesday at 9 a.m. and 4 to 5:15 p.m.

On Tuesday and Thursday classes are from 4-4:45 p.m., and on Fridays there is a 9 a.m. and a 5 p.m. class.



JACK VAUGHT/Northwest Missourian

MEMBERS OF LORI STIENS' water aerobics class take advantage of the increased resistance that water provides. The aerobics classes can be used to fill a requirement.

Netters slide by Lady Griffons

Missouri Western falls 3-2; finish 1-3 in MIAA round robin tournament

By MATT MARCKMANN
MISSOURIAN STAFF

The Bearcats bounced back yesterday, beating Missouri Western State College, 3-2, after a tough weekend at the MIAA round robin tournament.

The Bearcats won five games before defeating the Lady Griffons 13-15, 15-13, 11-15, 16-14 and 16-14.

The 'Cats were led by senior hitter Becky Brown and freshman setter Jennifer Pittrich.

Brown led the team with 18 kills and set a school record with 37 digs. Pittrich also set a school record with 53 assists.

This win moves the 'Cat's record to 7-6 overall and 2-4 in the MIAA.

Northwest went 1-3 last weekend in Warrensburg, Mo., for the first of two MIAA round robin tournaments.

On Friday, the Bearcats lost to Emporia State University 7-15, 8-15, 15-5, 7-15 in the first match and the University of Missouri-St. Louis 15-10, 10-15, 4-15, 3-15 in the second.

On Saturday, they beat Southwest Baptist in three matches, 15-12, 15-10, 15-7, before losing to Northeast Missouri State 4-15, 2-15, 4-15.

Despite the losses, head coach Sarah Pelster is optimistic.

She said certain aspects of their game looked very good.

"We have to adjust mentally to tough competition," Pelster said. "Physically, we can do it, but we have to believe we can do it throughout the entire match."

The Bearcats were led by senior hitter, Heidi Yurka.

She leads the team with 159 digs

and her 2.4 to 1 ace to error ratio is second on the team.

The most impressive part of her game so far has been her .995 percentage on service receptions.

"Heidi is a perfect example of stabilizing force," Pelster said. "She is always ready to play and she is adept at all facets of the game."

Northwest also received good play from Brown, Pittrich and junior hitter Angie Crouch.

Brown had 15 kills against Southwest Baptist and moved her career dig total to 861, putting her 13 away from third place on the school's all-time list. She also played in her 100th consecutive match Friday night against Missouri-St. Louis.

Pittrich continued her good play by totaling 116 assists in four matches. This included 38 assists in three games against Southwest Baptist, which made it her career-best average of 12.7 assists per game.

Crouch led the team in hitting percentage in the round robin and led the team in kills on two occasions.

Newcomer freshman Heather Potts and veteran sophomore Jody Doetker also contributed.

Potts continued her team-best streak of 91 consecutive serves without an error and Doetker had a career best of eight kills against Southwest Baptist.

PREVIEW

The Bearcats enter their tough schedule as they play Missouri Southern State College on tomorrow and Pittsburg State University on Saturday, September 25.

Both games will be played at Missouri Western State College in St. Joseph.

The Bearcats then travel to Topeka, Kan., to play Washburn University on Wednesday, September 29.



SCOTT JENSON/Contributing Photographer

NORTHWEST SENIOR OUTSIDE HITTER Becky Brown tries to avoid senior hitter Tracie Simmons going for the ball. The Bearcats defeated Missouri Western Lady Griffons, 3-2, last night at Missouri Western.

Cross country finishes 9th, 10th at Kenosha

By NATE OLSON
MISSOURIAN STAFF

The Bearcat men and women cross country teams participated in the Midwest Collegiate Championships in Kenosha, Wis., Saturday, Sept. 18.

The men placed 18th out of 31 teams, 10th among small schools and the women placed 17th out of 28 teams overall, 9th among small schools.

Competing in the event were 444 runners. The team was paced by senior Mark Roberts, who placed (66th, 26:48).

Junior Chris Blondin (90, 27:12) ahead of freshman Jack Harris (97, 27:23), senior Ron Perkins (135,

28:10) and sophomore Clint Johnson (140, 28:17).

"We ran a decent race," coach Richard Alsop said. "The Kenosha course is interesting to run. It is very narrow; you have to run it hard and tactically. The first 800 meters is where you have to get into position, then you have to go with the flow."

The Bearcats' top finisher, Roberts, strained his arch while running Saturday but finished the race.

There were 324 runners competing in the women's race. The Bearcats were led by senior Rheba Eustice (56th, 19:39) and sophomore Renee Stains (61, 19:42). The other three runners were freshman Renata Eustice (84,

20:00), sophomore Tracy Robotam (151, 21:11) and senior Rochell Hill (237, 23:27). Rheba Eustice, Stains and Renata Eustice all achieved personal college bests.

Coach Ron DeShon was very happy with his team's effort.

"We had an excellent meet," DeShon said. "We showed great improvement."

DeShon is confident about his team's potential.

"We will be solid by conference time," DeShon said. "They have met all the goals that I have asked of them."

Senior Rheba Eustice echoes DeShon's positive comments. "The team has been great overall,"

Eustice said. "We're a lot stronger because we are more mature this year."

DeShon said he is looking forward to seeing how his team improves.

"This isn't going to be the best meet we have this year, it is good for the beginning of the season but we will have better meets," DeShon said.

Alsop is also looking forward to Saturday to see if the Bearcats can improve on last weekend's meet.

"We will keep working hard and we will keep working on getting out in the first part of the race," Alsop said.

The men and women teams will be in action Saturday at the Johnson County Community College Invitational in Overland Park, Kan.

IN THE OUTFIELD

Texas A&M embarrasses MU Tigers, 73-0

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Doesn't a 73-0 beating suggest serious flaws in a team's personnel, organization or both?

Not necessarily, says Missouri coach Bob Stull. Stull figures a bigger factor in his team's battering at the hands of No. 14 Texas A&M might have been overconfidence.

"It was definitely one real bad day. But I still believe we have a good team," Stull said during the Big Eight's Monday conference call. "It shakes your confidence when things like that happen. But I believe in our team and the guys we have."

Stull admitted that when the carnage began to unfold, his players stopped believing in each other. And he said it was most noticeable after quarterback Jeff Handy was sacked once.

"All of a sudden, he doesn't get himself set, doesn't feel he has security up front," Stull said. "I don't feel any different about our team. But it was probably one of the longest days of our life, that's for sure."

Chiefs' memorabilia scores big with fans

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Some Joe Montana jerseys were going for \$70, but that didn't stop Kansas City Chiefs fans from buying them like crazy before Monday, Sept. 20, night's game against the Denver Broncos. Even before the ball was snapped, the BIG GAME was a bonanza for area businesses.

Business was up 20 percent to 30 percent during the weekend at Team Spirit in the Crown Center Shopping Center, manager Mark Mahoney said. Fans were buying all types of Chiefs items, but Montana was the big draw.

"They're mostly buying Joe Montana jerseys, T-shirts, a lot of jackets," Mahoney said. "For the past three days, it's been real busy."

The Broncos, one of the biggest rivals in Kansas City, also were getting some support, Mahoney said, but that probably was because the team and several of their fans were staying in the Crown Center hotel.

That wasn't the case at Foot Locker, where people were snapping up Chiefs jackets, hats and red Montana jerseys — but no Broncos memorabilia, said Don Osborn, an assistant manager.

"Everybody hates Denver," Osborn said. "That's the beauty of Kansas City."

The game drew huge interest partly because it marked Montana's regular season debut in Kansas City. But it also pitted the Chiefs against John Elway, the Broncos' quarterback who's caused some heartbreaking losses for Chiefs' fans.

"We love the Chiefs, but we LOVE to beat the Broncos," said Greg Cardona. He and his friend Keith Franks, who normally bowl in a Monday night league, switched their games to Sunday so they could attend the Chiefs game.

Off-field slump continues for Dodger player

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Darryl Strawberry faces no criminal charges for allegedly striking the woman he was living with, but the Los Angeles Dodgers still may take disciplinary action against him.

"We are aware of the report that the District Attorney's office will not file charges against Darryl Strawberry," Dodgers executive vice president Fred Claire said Monday, Sept. 20, in a statement issued by the team. "Whether any disciplinary action is taken by the Dodgers will be a matter between the ball club and Darryl."

Prosecutors said earlier Monday that charges would not be filed against Strawberry for the Sept. 4 incident at his home in suburban Glendale. He has been free on \$20,000 bond.

The woman, Charisse Simons, told police five days after the incident she did not want to press charges against Strawberry, who has missed most of the season because of a stiff lower back. He underwent surgery on his back last September.

Spectators guide to football rules

By GENE CASSELL
MISSOURIAN STAFF

Football is one of the most complex of games, nonetheless, here is a shot at explaining it.

The playing surface is 100 yards plus two 10 yard endzones in length and 53.3 yard in width.

Before the game starts there is a coin toss. The visiting team captain makes the call, either heads or tails. If he is correct, he can receive the kickoff to start the game or defer the toss and let the other team receive the ball and choose the end zone his team wants to defend.

The game begins with the kickoff to the receiving team. After receiving the kick, the 11 offensive players have four tries, or downs, to move the football towards their end zone against 11 defensive players.

Plays can consist of either passing the ball to an eligible receiver or to a running back coming out from behind the offensive line. The ball can also be handed off to the running back or another player behind the offensive line moving the ball up field.

To score, the football must be moved across the goal line in the front of the end zone. The offense and defense can both score by doing this. A touchdown is worth six points, and a safety — scored when the team holding the ball has it downed in their own end zone — is worth two points.

In high school and college, a two point conversion can be attempted. The ball is placed on the 3-yard line and the offense has one try to move the ball across the goal line for the two points.

In the pros, a point after touchdown attempt is made. Again the ball

is placed on the 2-yard line, but the center hikes the ball to the placeholder on the 10-yard line who kicks the ball between the uprights for one point.

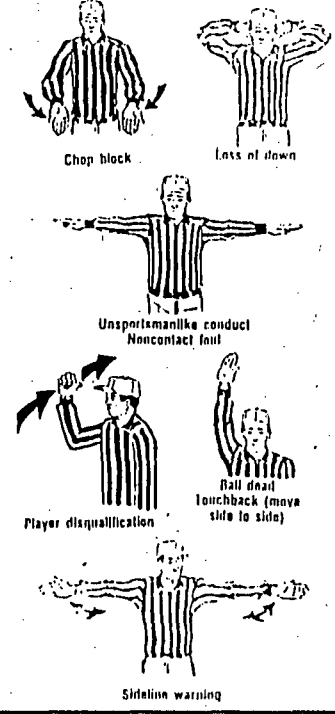
Another way to score is for the field goal kicker to kick the ball through the uprights from any other place on the field. If the kick is good, the team will get three points.

Penalties range from 5 yards to 15 for such things as offsides, a late hit or arguing with the referees.

The defensive pass interference penalty varies between the professional game and college. College teams face a 10-yard penalty while NFL teams receive the ball at the point of the infraction.

In high school, the time is divided into four 12-minute quarters, and in the NFL and college it is four 15-minute quarters. Halftime lengths will vary from level to level.

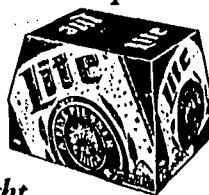
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SATURDAY Football vs. Northeast Missouri State, 1:30 p.m.
CC at Johnson County Invitational, Overland Park, Kan.
Volleyball at Pittsburg State, Pittsburg, Kan., 1 p.m.
Royals vs. California, 7:05 p.m.

SUNDAY Royals vs. California, 1:35 p.m.

MONDAY Royals vs. Cleveland, 7:35 p.m.

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HAVIN' FUN YET?

Television shows can make lasting memories of life

Like most pseudo-intellectuals, I like to claim television is worthless, and I hate to watch it. However, I do enjoy it. My logic is oxymoronical, but in a world of chaos, who needs coherent thoughts?

Like the majority of my peers, I was reared on television. I can guarantee that I have spent more hours in front of a television than in the classroom.

Television is not only entertaining, but it's knowledge-enhancing. I wouldn't be able to relate to many things people say if I had never watched television.

Television is a staple to the modern day way of life. We once just needed air, water and food — now we need television. It may not be as necessary as I have claimed, but once it is watched you'll become addicted.

The power of addiction for television is greater than cigarettes, heroin or caffeine. A quick fix is impossible. A 30-minute sitcom is the fastest fix, but it usually takes three or four of these shows to supply complete satisfaction.

I can't recall when I first became addicted, but I know if I didn't see "The Brady Bunch" at least once a day I became suicidal.

I loved the Brady family. I always wanted to be a Brady child, but my mother thought it was better I stay at home.

"The Brady Bunch" would definitely have to be up there with my five favorite shows of all time. Along with it I would include "Highway to Heaven," "Night Court," "Cheers" and "The Simpsons."

Television has created some of the most memorable times. I remember being a 5-year-old watching "The Wizard of Oz" for the first time in my grandma's basement. The whole family was together; it was like a holiday.

Another emotional moment was when Snoopy ran away, my eyes filled with tears, and I realized what it would be like to lose something that is very important in my life.

Emotion is the main reason I love "Highway to Heaven." I could always find a soft spot in my heart to sympathize with the heartaches that Jonathan and Mark encountered every week.

Michael Landon was a television god, but none of his shows ever came close to his angelic role in this heart-rending drama. I viewed "Highway to Heaven," at first, as a show I could justify missing Wednesday church for, but I later realized I was watching one of television's greatest shows.

However, it was last May that we bid farewell to television's greatest show, "Cheers." No show that I have ever seen compares to the fun "Cheers" brought to my life.

The gang at this Boston bar brought many laughs to my Thursdays, but it did not end there. Syndication still makes it possible for me to watch it everyday.

I also got my first look last Thursday at "Cheers" character Frasier Crane on his new show "Frasier." This spin-off is bound to succeed, but it will never surpass the original.

Thursday perfect night for comedy

Another of my favorites from the old NBC Thursday night line-up that didn't get a spin-off is "Night Court." I enjoyed the courtroom antics of "Night Court" before I even got into "Cheers."

Thursdays must be magical for television. My two favorite shows on television nowadays are both on Thursday.

"The Simpsons" and "Seinfeld" make up a one-two punch that makes "Wings" almost desirable enough to watch in between.

The comedy of Jerry Seinfeld brought to television for 30 minutes every week might have been a savior for the NBC Thursday night line-up.

However, if they ever got daring enough to face off "Seinfeld" with FOX's "The Simpsons," I'm afraid NBC would lose my viewership.

It may be a cartoon, but "The Simpsons" is the deepest, most profound television show ever. They are social commentators for the sad, apathetic state we Americans find ourselves in.

Homer Simpson may not be the best father in the world, but I sure wouldn't mind him being my dad. Springfield, the fictional city in which "The Simpsons" takes place, offers a little bit of everything.

There is not only a nuclear plant in Springfield, but it is also host to a volcano.

Television has been around for less than 50 years, but in that time, we have seen a little bit of everything.

I will venture to say that 30 years down the road, I'll be watching reruns of all my favorite shows, and just wishing they still made them as great as they used to.



Shane Whitaker
Columnist

Recreating history with RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL

Celebrate spirit of old English customs, food, entertainment; rediscover 16th century Britain during period of change

By CHRISTY SPAGNA
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Tucked away in a little land not far from downtown Kansas City is a world of wonder — a place where many people can explore old customs and ideas from different lands (England, Ireland and Scotland) from a different time (16th century Renaissance).

This "little land" is the Kansas City Renaissance Festival in Bonner Springs, Kan.

The Renaissance Festival is a benefit for the Kansas City Art Institute and has been successful since its inception in 1977. The Renaissance Festival runs weekends throughout September and October, rain or shine. According to festival coordinators, it is a fun-filled, educational form of entertainment for the whole family.

Two regulars every year to the festival, Tina and Janie Andrade, like to watch everything at the festival. The day they attended this year it was raining severely, but they are "diehard" patrons to the festival.

"I love it," Janie Andrade said. "I come to see everything. It's a get-away."

With a new season for the festival comes changes, as a new king and queen are in power and the seven-weekend season of the festival has slightly different themes and activities for each weekend. The Renaissance Festival offers a little something for everyone.

Many of the people who act or participate with the festival have done so for many years. Some people who attend the Festival love to watch them act but do not understand why they do it. But the participants do not understand why no one would not do it.

"I love it," Suzi Matthews Renners said. "I love the people. It's a whole different kind of theatre. It's really what I love."

She portrays Duchess Gwendolen Smiv-

Garforth who is financing an acting troupe."

Several performers, as well as patrons, said they see many of the same people attend the festival weekend after weekend. Many patrons just love it, and others just have a favorite site they like to see.

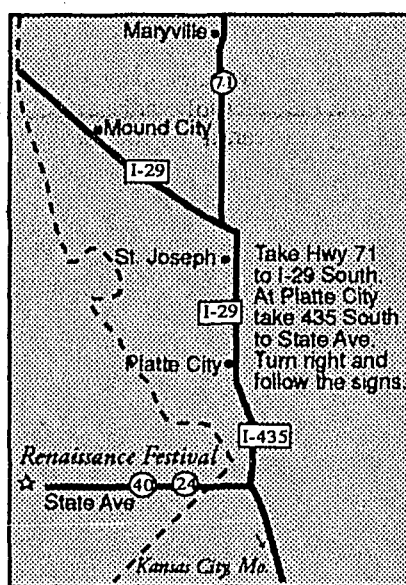
"It's a desire in people to be treated differently. We treat patrons like royalty or visiting royalty," said Walter Ferguson, Festival king, said. "People enjoy that, ladies enjoy getting their hands kissed. The gentlemen enjoy the ladies bowing and curtsying. I think there is a desire in people for the basic courtesies that occurred in this period of time."

Ferguson has been involved with the Renaissance Festival for three years, but this is his first year as King William Henry Charles Edward George Wendel of the House of Wessex by the Grace of God, King of England, King of Ireland and King of France. He believes the Festival allows people to travel back to a time when life was simpler. He loves participating in the Festival and encourages everyone to do it.

"This is an experience I think everyone should have something to do with. You get an opportunity to live history," Ferguson said. "You get an opportunity to do things you can't do in a mundane world."

With a new king comes a new queen this year, Karen Ellery portrays Queen Valentine (Festival queen). She has been involved with the Festival for four years and continues to praise it. Ellery said people have asked her why she does it or why she thinks others get involved.

"They love it," Ellery said. "There is no other reason — it's not the money or the hours and hours of work. It is because it is the most



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CHRISTY SPAGNA/Northwest Missourian

SHOWING LOVE AND AFFECTION for his queen, Karen Ellery, Walter Ferguson, the King of the Renaissance Festival, kisses her hand gently during "Romance Weekend."



JACK VAUGHT/Northwest Missourian

TWO SHOPPERS BROWSE through the Glass Images, which is just one of over 143 shops located within the Renaissance Festival grounds in Bonner Springs, Kan.

SAYWHAT?

The Inside Scoop on the Entertainment Industry

HE'S GOT THE LOOK Arsenio Hall was picked No. 1 by female viewers when it comes to personal appeal. He was voted the sexiest of the late-night talk show hosts. The new Chevy Chase show came in second, David Letterman third and "Tonight Show" host Jay Leno fourth.

STARS MAKE FAIRY TALE A fairy tale book is being written by 25 celebrities. Each will pick up the story where the previous person left off. Celebrities include Goldie Hawn, Kurt Russell, Michael J. Fox, Steven Spielberg and Candice Bergen. Proceeds will go to "Starbright," a charity for seriously ill children.

HOMERUN COMEDY Jerry Seinfeld and Dennis Miller are just two stars appearing on a television show to benefit homeless children. The show is called "Baseball Relief: An All-Star Comedy Salute" and will appear on Fox Oct. 15. Money will go to Comic Relief's National Pediatric Care Program.

HOLD THE FISH Country Joe McDonald, former singer of '60s folk group Country Joe and the Fish, is considering running for City Council in Berkeley, Calif. If he does, he will file papers next summer, which will also be the 25th anniversary of the legendary Woodstock.

BANDIT HELPS RATINGS Jay Leno beat David Letterman in ratings for the first time last week. It was the night Burt Reynolds appeared as his guest. Reynolds said he regrets the way he trashed Loni Anderson since their separation.

INSIDE THE BLACK BOOK Hugh Hefner said he has no interest in the exclusive tales of Heidi Fleiss. Hefner rejected an offer for the print and video tape rights to her life. However, *Playgirl* magazine may offer Fleiss \$1 million for an interview and her "little black book."

DOWN BY THE SEASIDE The new Miss America, Kimberly Clarice Aiken, representing South Carolina, took her customary seaside frolic for photographers in Atlantic City, New Jersey. As one of the youngest women to be crowned, Aiken, at the age of 18, plans to spend the next year helping the homeless.

COP THRILLER CATCHES FUGITIVE After six weeks as No. 1 at the box office, "The Fugitive" was caught by "Striking Distance," starring Bruce Willis as a cop hunting a serial killer. The movie took in an estimated \$8.7 million. Also opening strongly, "The Age of Innocence," drew \$2.3 million in a limited market. This weekend the film will begin showing in over 400 theaters nationwide.

IT'S ONLY IMPLIED Actor Michael Richards, who plays Kramer on the comedy series "Seinfeld," won an Emmy for best supporting actor. The show also won an Emmy for comedy writing for the show on masturbation.

HUMANE SONGS With new tracks from Concrete Blonde, Helmet, and R.E.M.'s Michael Stipe, "In Defense of Animals" is a benefit album to be released Sept. 28. Proceeds from the sales of the album will go to "In Defense of Animal," a group dedicated to ending animal abuse.



JACK VAUGHT/Northwest Missourian

Area festival rediscovers renaissance

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fun thing to do with your weekends that you can possibly devise."

Not only is the Festival beneficial to the participants but also to the merchants.

There are approximately 143 shops at the Festival, ranging from jewelry to armor.

Clay Images owner Jim Hogenson strongly believes the Festival is very beneficial to his business.

He does 20 shows a year around the United States, and the Kansas City Renaissance Festival has his best customer base.

Artist Richard Lindsley, Face & Bawdy Arts, has been at the Renaissance for 10 years and will continue to come. He said the customer base has been inconsistent.

In describing why the Renaissance Festival has been so successful, many patrons, merchants and participants could only answer with, "It's fun; why wouldn't you want to do it," Matthews Renner said. "It's more fun than sitting at home and having tea parties."

Three weeks of the Festival have passed, but there are still four more to attend.

This past weekend was "Romance Weekend," in which couples could rediscover their love and renew their vows as the king and queen did, according to the king and queen's personal pages (servants).

Due to the heavy rains, "Romance Weekend" was some what of a washout, but many of the "regu-

lars" who attend the festival came out to see some of their favorite performers getting courted.

Couples who attend the festival received a special rose for attending the festival on "Romance Weekend."

This weekend, Sept. 25-26, is "Harvest Faire." In the age of the renaissance the best of the harvest was given to the needy people throughout the land of England, Ireland and France.

To keep with this theme of giving, the Festival encourages visitors to bring canned food items for the Kansas City Harvesters, and they will receive \$1 off admission. Special events for this weekend include craft demonstrations and an Ale Festival.

"Tournament of Kings," Oct. 2-3, allows guests to watch and participate in renaissance games and tournaments.

A weekend devoted to music and dance is scheduled for Oct. 9-10.

According to the Duchess of Wessex, Lisa Prosser-Dodds, the Renaissance Festival prides itself on its musical and dancing capabilities.

Special musical performers will attend the Festival the weekend of Oct. 9-10, including Northwest Celebration (the singing and dancing group from the University).

"A Fantasy Fairwell!" will end the seven-weekend run of the festival for this season.

This last weekend, Oct. 16-17, will allow the chocolate lovers to feast with a chocolate festival.



JACK VAUGHT/Northwest Missourian

IN THE TRUE SPIRIT of Renaissance fighting, Joseph of Montana uses his swift swordsmanship to attack Jonathan of Elway in hopes of knocking him off his horse. Joseph went on to win the match after knocking Jonathan off of his horse in the jousting competition.

Students find different ways to earn money

By JIMMY MYERS
MISSOURIAN STAFF

Having money problems? Don't want to work crazy hours or put up with an over zealous boss?

Students are finding new ways to come up with cash without going through the process of holding traditional jobs.

Scott Phelps, sophomore, said he has the perfect solution to gain extra money.

He was living in Kansas City at the time and went to the downtown plasma center to make some cash.

"I needed money to have fun with, so I gave plasma," he said.

Phelps said giving plasma is much different from giving blood. The difference is that when you give plasma the red blood cells are put back into your body with the help of a machine that also extracts and separates the plasma from the red blood cells. The process can take 45 minutes to an hour.

"I made \$40 the first time I went in and \$20 the next two times," said Phelps. "Some of the people in the plasma center were scary looking, but we were all there for the same reason."

Those with a musical talent might consider junior Jason Mayberry's path to earning money.

Mayberry and a member from his band, The Stick Figures, found a vacant corner of the Old Market in west Omaha and began playing music.

"It was a couple of summers ago, I was broke, no job, and it was a busy Friday night," Mayberry said. "I played bongos and sang, Pat played his guitar and sang along with me. We made \$30 in two hours."

Mayberry said the Stick Figures are off the street and playing in clubs throughout Omaha and St. Joseph.

"Sometimes I make less than I did at the Old Market, but I'm still my own boss," he said.

Ed Moad, junior, said he liked the idea of working for an environmental group, so he signed up with Citizen Leading Environmental Actions Network.

He said he was required to go door to door and explain the group's purpose.

Although the pay was only minimum wage, he had the opportunity to earn commission if he could collect a certain amount every day.

"The cap was set a little bit too high, so I never made any commission," he said.

The goal of CLEAN was to acquire funds through donations gathered by workers which were applied to environmental efforts, Moad said.

"It didn't turn out quite like I thought it would," Moad said, "People just weren't willing to listen and donate as I had expected them to."

Those who know what farm life is about will not be surprised to hear what Dave Smith, senior, did for cash. Smith said worked for an Iowa farmer who had a large pig confinement.

"OK, Davey, get the duds!" This was Smith's command to gather the sickly pigs and terminate them.

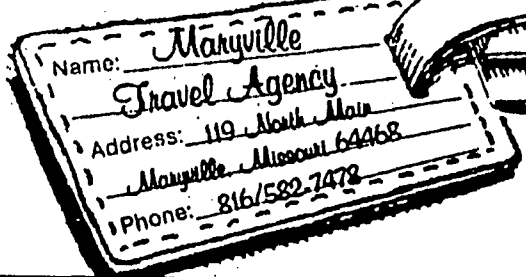
"He gave me a hammer and told me to do them in that way," Smith said. He wasn't exactly enthused about the idea of killing the pigs, let alone with a hammer. "After a couple of pigs I told him he could do the rest. I don't have what it takes to do that kind of work," he said.

Luckily, the farmer was a friend of the family, so Smith didn't have to worry about getting fired.

"I usually did what he asked me to do but that pig thing was a little out of my league," said Smith.

Most students will settle for a regular job. Others don't have to worry about money at all. Those who don't fall under these two types will probably find themselves doing some pretty odd things for money. Getting through college on a limited budget or even no budget is quite an adventure.

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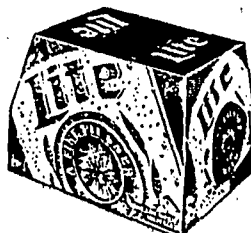
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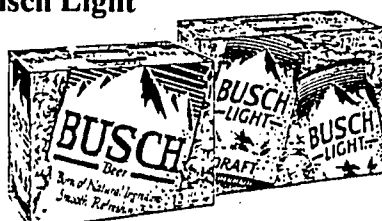
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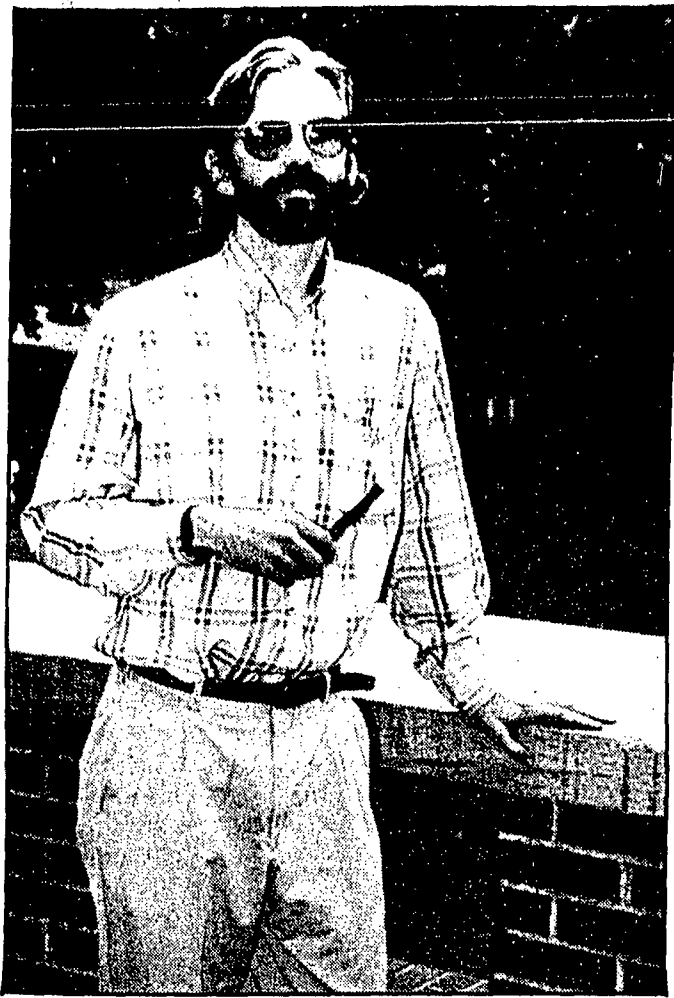
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Change comes along with new professor

By LONELLE RATHJE
MISSOURIAN STAFF



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DICK FIELD, PROFESSOR OF PHILOSOPHY, was hired to replace John Hopper after he retired last year. Field said that he enjoys Northwest's intimate setting.

Trying to incorporate change, Dick Field, professor of philosophy, aims to streamline the requirements for philosophy majors and minors. Field, who is in his first year teaching at Northwest, said he is designing proposals to grant students a more adequate preparation for graduate school.

"We're trying to make it (the requirements) a little more streamlined and making especially the electives a little more predictable," Field said. "And then there are a number of other proposals concerning changes in the curriculum itself. We're taking a few courses out and putting a few courses in."

Another item ranking high on the agenda for Field is a proposal to begin an educational cooperation with other departments.

"In the larger schools with the bigger departments, you have a tendency to get wrapped up with the people of your own department," he said. "We have history and philosophy, as well as humanities, in one department. There is a sense that you are very connected to other people who are doing very different things than you are."

Upon setting foot on campus, Field said he reminisced about his bygone years as an undergraduate at the State University of New York - Plattsburg, a school similar in size. He found an intimacy that both schools possessed.

He said in the philosophy department at SUNY-Plattsburg, faculty and students retained close relationships.

"That is one thing that I find here," he said. "You know and talk with the majors and they even come into your office."

Field said the faculty knows the students and

there is a type of camaraderie between them, thus making one feel more at home.

"But other places, for example, Western Kentucky, quite a few of the faculty didn't know any of the majors," he said. "The students were simply their advisers."

Prior to Field's arrival at Northwest, he taught for two years at Western Kentucky University, one year at the University of Minnesota - Duluth and one year at Southern Illinois University, where he received his doctorate.

Harmon Mothershead, professor of history, has watched the faculty grow in the department to reflect the culture of the times.

"The personnel has improved considerably now with the staff we have," Mothershead said. "This is probably the best we've ever been."

Philosophy major Ed Moad, junior, said Field's Introduction to Philosophy class would be more exciting if more students participated in class.

"Dr. Field is a lot more laid back," Moad said. "His class delivery of lectures are not as animated as Dr. (Jim) Eiswert's (professor of philosophy). Field gets excited, but he teaches very eloquently and very slowly so no one gets lost."

Aside from his teaching career, Field published an article in the July issue of *Philosophical Review* on philosopher, René Descartes.

He was also involved with "The Dewey Project," consisting of John Dewey's works and correspondence, which numbering 37 volumes to date, at SIU.

Field is excited that the philosophy department is gaining recognition.

"Particularly when we're trying to make some changes in the curriculum," he said. "Hopefully people will know that we're actively trying to improve things in our program."

Teacher, comic reigns classroom

Stand-up comedy hobby for instructor, as contest winner performed with Shore

By REGINA BRUNTMEYER
MISSOURIAN STAFF

Everyone wants a good laugh. Comedians are getting their own television shows, centered around the stand-up role.

However to Jeff Pryzbylo, speech instructor, comic relief is a more like a hobby.

In 1990, he entered a contest along with 25 other contestants, and the top four were able to perform outside for the Illinois State University Days. Pryzbylo said he was first out of the four and had the opportunity to open for Sam Kinison and Pauly Shore for about 3,000 people.

Pryzbylo said Shore was out talking to people before the show, but Kinison was more reserved and stayed in his dressing room.

"Pauly was cool," Pryzbylo said. "He's not as weird as he seems on TV."

He received a second chance to work with Shore when Shore's staff contacted Pryzbylo to open a small show on the same college campus.

In high school, he was involved in After Dinner Speaking, which focused on humorous presentations. Along the way, Pryzbylo has performed comedy routines in talent shows, many comedy clubs and a bar called Suzi's Cafe.

There is some speculation on Pryzbylo's doing a show for the University in the future although he does not consider himself a comedian.

Pryzbylo has not done any performing for over a year now. He said his main concern is being a speech teacher and the assistant forensics coach.

"An aspect of teaching can be compared to performing because you are in front of people and good teaching is entertaining," Pryzbylo said.

Robert Bohlken, speech professor, said Pryzbylo adds youth and vitality to the department.

"He has a high energy level, youthfulness, and he brings new ideas to Northwest," Bohlken said.

Irwin Thompson, a junior on the forensics team, said that Pryzbylo is a fun guy to be around.

"Pryzbylo will bring the team to a higher competition level," Thompson said.

Pryzbylo is originally from Chicago. He received his bachelor's degree from Northern Illinois, and his master's from Illinois State. His first teaching job was at Lincoln University in Jefferson City, but he said he already enjoys Northwest more.

Pryzbylo said Northwest is more organized, there are more activities going on, the people are a lot nicer and are competent in their teachings.

He enjoys the contemporary ideas the University is willing to try.

He spent his summer working as a communications consultant for Gallagher Basset, an insurance company.

Pryzbylo's job was to help the Head of Operational Securities write a presentation and prepare the visual aids for a speech about new internal security procedures that would be presented to branch offices.

"Internal security is a touchy subject, and it was important to be able to present the material in a positive way," he said.

Comedy is a unique hobby, and Pryzbylo plans on keeping it just a hobby for now. He said there are a lot of people out there doing comedy, and not enough money to go around.

"It's too risky," Pryzbylo said. "There is not a lot of money unless your really good."



Pryzbylo
speech instructor

Study reveals names of unreliable condoms

Trojan Naturalube has highest failure rate of those still on market

By MICHAEL GAFFNEY
COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE

AUSTIN, Texas — Two brand-name condoms sold at the University of Texas Student Health Center pharmacy do not reliably protect against the virus that causes AIDS, according to a study by a California research scientist.

A 1993 study by the research foundation Sequoia Associates shows that Trojan Ribbed and Trojan Naturalube Ribbed, stocked at the UT pharmacy, have failure rates of 9 percent and about 23 percent respectively when tested for viral leakage.

The study, scheduled for publication in the fall, identified a total of five unreliable condoms, with viral leakage rates ranging from about 6 percent to 100 percent.

One of the brands, Contracept Plus, has been pulled from the market be-

cause of its dismal performance.

Bruce Voeller, the primary investigator of the Sequoia study and president of the Mariposa Education and Research Foundation, said the five condoms are not reliable in protecting against sexually transmitted viruses such as HIV and herpes.

The Ramses non-lubricated condom, however, passed the test with high marks for reliability, Voellersaid.

Trojan manufacturer Carter-Wallace Inc. challenged the validity of Voeller's findings.

"Carter-Wallace has conducted testing at independent laboratories and there is no evidence of an HIV leakage problem in any of their Trojan brand condoms," Ellen Sanders, spokeswoman, said.

Voeller's current study stems from a 1989 test of 21 condoms, conducted by Mariposa, the University of California - Los Angeles and the University of Southern California.

The study ranked condoms according to durability, strength and permeability. The study was funded by the

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, a division of the National Institutes of Health. The University of Texas Health Center distributes Ansell's non-lubricated LifeStyle and Aladan's Ultra Shape, said Sherry Bell, assistant director for health education. The condoms are purchased from the same sources that the Texas Department of Health uses.

While the study shows that some Ansell brands do not effectively protect against the AIDS virus, the Ansell brand used at the Student Health Center is not on Voeller's list.

However, Bell said she would take a closer look at Ansell products and, if necessary, see if the university is bound to follow the state's lead. Despite the report that some Trojan products are faulty, James Parker, UT assistant director of pharmacy services, said Trojans are a quality product.

"Trojans are what I sell because they have a good track record," Parker said. "The data I use is years of experience as a pharmacist and feedback from people who buy my product."

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DISCO'S DEAD

Omaha band creates unique sound with songs; grunge, Beastie Boys mix makes album groove

I kept having people tell me to check out this Omaha band called 311. My first reply was "Dude, what are they called?" They're called 311 and they're as killer as anything new out there. One person said they are like the Beastie Boys with more grunge — therefore, I'm hooked.



Jim Krabbe
Music Critic

It starts off with "Welcome," a real appropriate song. It starts off like a funk UB40 with Color Me Badd-ish singing, but don't let that scare you; it ends real quick. From that point on it's incredible sounds and driving vocals.

The guitars kick in, the drums beat almost like reggae and the lyrics move so fast it's hard to keep up the first time. Once you realize all of its diversity, you fall into its clamps and don't want to turn it off.

"Unity" strikes me as one of the best cuts, even though every other one is good too. It changes pace every time you start to get into it. Part of it sounds like Helmet,

then P-Nut, 311 bassist, knocks off a few Primus-copy bass lines. All the while the lyrics come crashing straight in your face. It's kinda relaxing.

Speaking of lyrics in your face, nothing compares to "Feels So Good." There are few pauses or slowdowns, and it just plain goes. When they yell, "In your face, cause it feels so good," you can't help but jump up and start thrashing.

Have you ever listened to tunes where your head just jams back and forth to every song? This one will do it.

Each cut has its own unique groove, something that made me think of the Beastie Boys when I heard it but without all the audio cut-ins.

"Paradise" starts off with a single bass line as the other members join in. From the start, you're in that groove; it's sort of slow, but like all the others it picks up the pace quick.

As I start listening to "Hydroponic," curiosity grabs me as I closely zone in on the

lyrics. It's a wild song about the trials, tribulations and feelings associated with its title.

Listen as they go "Jumpin' out of my skin, the skin I'm in, and the Hydroponic's on!" You'll enjoy this one with a friend.

On to "My Stoney Baby," which has the most mellow melody on the whole release. It's got a groove that's relaxing, with plenty of bass.

"Nix Hex" follows next, and it's a perfect follow-up to "My Stoney Baby." The guitar is more jazzy, but it bursts into a reggae-like rap that blends perfectly. It's a definite change, but for sure in a good way.

"Plain," as the title suggests, is not at all what this song is like. The guitar sounds a lot like the Chili Peppers as they start, then once again it breaks down with a touch of grunge and grinding guitars. This one picks up quick and delivers.

Every once in a while, a band will come out and deliver something new and different that people instantly love. 311 has grabbed the new thrash-rap genre of music by its neck and taken control.



"Dial Up One to Remember"
311

The fact that they're from Omaha should make their music that more popular in the Midwest.

Something else to consider is that it's nice to see anyone who's into any type of music scene to see a "local" band break big.

If you need something different, or just love thrash, rap, or the Beastie Boys, I strongly suggest you check it out. Otherwise, all I can say is buy it.

REEL TO REEL

Willis' character, theme keep viewers at 'Distance'

Bruce Willis' new film "Striking Distance" begins with a bizarre murder whose perpetrator employs an old song, "Little Red Riding Hood," whenever he sees someone.

The fact that the killer uses the song should be immaterial, but it's not.

Like so many of the other elements of this film, the movie never bothers to answer why it is used, nor does it seek to answer numerous other questions the screenplay raises.

After we witness the killing, we meet tough, hard-drinking, Pittsburgh cop Tom Hardy (Bruce Willis) as he leaves for the policeman's ball with his dad (John Mahoney), who's also a cop. The fact that they're both cops and Irish — hence the last name Hardy, which is a dead giveaway — seems to follow a movie tradition of Irish-American law enforcement officials.

They never make it to the ball. A madman motorist is loose, and Willis and Mahoney chase him through the streets in



Don Munsch
Movie Critic

one of the most intense car chases I've seen in a while.

The chase ends in a fiery crash, with Mahoney dead and Willis seeking answers to the death of his father, who died of a gun shot wound.

He believes that a cop was in the car they were chasing and killed his father.

But a jury finds a drifter guilty of the crime and sentences him to death. Case closed.

Willis doesn't buy it. He wants to conduct his own investigation, much to the chagrin of his department, who have it in for him anyway. Why?

Well, some time after the accident, Willis witnesses the apparent death of a fellow cop (Robert Pastorelli), who jumps off a bridge and into a river.

It seems as if Pastorelli, like Willis, were "bad" cops — guys who couldn't keep their noses clean and look the other way. Willis rattled on a fellow cop, and the rest of the force turned their backs on him.

Therefore, Willis can get no cooperation with his investigation, which also fingers the

cop who was in the car he chased earlier, as being a killer in yet another case.

Flash forward two years. Willis, still a cop, has been reassigned to the Pittsburgh river control and is in charge of, among other things, keeping drunk kids off the Monongahela, Ohio and Allegheny rivers. On his patrol, dead bodies start turning up on the rivers, and each person found has been linked romantically to Willis.

The killer's m.o. is similar to the one who killed two years ago — so Willis thinks. Logically, then, Willis believes that the killer is the cop whom evaded he and his father and prosecution two years ago.

His new partner (Sarah Jessica Parker), who eventually becomes his lover (funny how those things work out, huh?), tries to dissuade him.

But Willis won't bite, as receives harassing phone calls from the prospective killer, who plays the Red Riding song whenever he calls.

Willis then embarks on a furious, no-holds-barred search for the killer.

It's not the convoluted plot that makes "Striking Distance" a failure. Rather it's the

depressing tone and mood of the way it handles Willis's excessive drinking and the eventual denouement.

Willis uses the bottle to escape from his problems so much in the film that we wonder why the film brings up the subject of his drinking and then never deals with it.

Is he an alcoholic, or just another tried-and-true Irish Catholic cop archetype?

When confronted with his drinking, Willis flies into a rage or has sex to escape from his problem.

Is this behavior any way to solve anything? Shame, shame.

And worse, the film has a from-left-field turncoat who's painted in melodramatic, soap opera-ish terms: "Striking Distance" starts with a potentially explosive story and then reduces everything to ridiculous histrionics.

It's as if the filmmakers couldn't trust themselves with their material to come up with something that wouldn't seem like it rolled off an assembly line — they had to stick with an obligatory, violent formulaic ending. Shame, shame, double shame.

Rating: ★★

THE STROLLER

Your Man gets lost on walk, finds knowledge under tree

Two tests this week forced Your Man to be a party pooper this weekend. The pressure has built since the first couple of weeks of school, and I'm now having to buckle down and start studying.

It's a well-known fact that my least favorite activity is studying, but I made a resolution to not take a drink of alcohol last weekend and hit the books.

I was able to stay away from the booze, but I didn't get as much studying done as I planned. I never realized before, or maybe I just forgot, that they close the library at 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. I had just finished a late lunch, early dinner at four o'clock and went to the library to get started on my weekend with the books.

After 45 minutes and finally finding a pencil sharpener, the lights blinked, and I was warned it was almost time for the library to close. I hadn't even gotten my books out.

I had finally taken them from a shelf where they had set since the first of the year, but I still hadn't had the opportunity to open them.

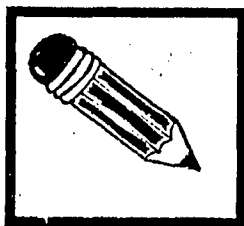
I picked up my stuff and decided to get out of there. The worst thing I could fathom was getting locked in the library.

As I left the library, the reoccurring thought of, "This is Friday, do something fun with your life," kept floating around in my head.

I sat down on one of those concrete benches in front of the library. I didn't feel like going anywhere. I opened up my backpack and pulled out a book at random, and it was my history book. My history test wasn't until the next Friday, but I decided I would give studying history a shot.

I read about five pages and realized that if I just went through and looked for major things, maybe it wouldn't take as long. A lot of stuff was already highlighted, so I used that as my guide to reading. Some pages I read a paragraph, and other pages I didn't even have to look at; it was a fast way to study. I think maybe I skipped over some important facts.

My other test is a lab test for Earth Science. I need to



After falling behind in classes, Yours Truly studies over weekend

know something about some rocks. I really didn't know exactly how to prepare for this test, yet I thought a nice long walk Saturday afternoon might give some insight.

I woke up early Saturday. It was a little after noon when I woke, and that is early for a Saturday.

I decided to pack myself a lunch and wander around until I understood something about Earth Science.

A book was not necessary for Your Man's adventure because the knowledge which I wanted had to come intuitively. The senses of my body would concentrate, and suddenly I was hoping to be struck with knowledge.

It worked. I walked north behind the high rise dorms, and I ended up in the middle of nowhere. I just walked, and when I found another road I'd turn. The next thing I knew is that I was lost.

I didn't notice any houses. I really felt like I was in the middle of nowhere, but I decided not to panic. I knew if I worried about being lost that I wouldn't get struck with the special thought.

I sat under a tree, picked up a piece of grass and chewed it. I felt like a cow, but it did something.

That's when it hit me; I was struck with a piece of knowledge. It appeared to me as if in a dream.

The elements are made up of atoms, and if we could manipulate these atoms then I could turn everything into gold.

I think maybe I want to learn more about atoms and elements, because I would like to try to make gold.

I went back home, got out my notes and started studying. I sure hope I am able to pass my history test. My lab test was tough, but I felt inspired enough to know that I probably passed.

Test are not the end of the world and either is studying, but it would be best to prepare a little further ahead next time. I'm actually thinking of spending more weekends sober, trying to learn the secrets of our universe.

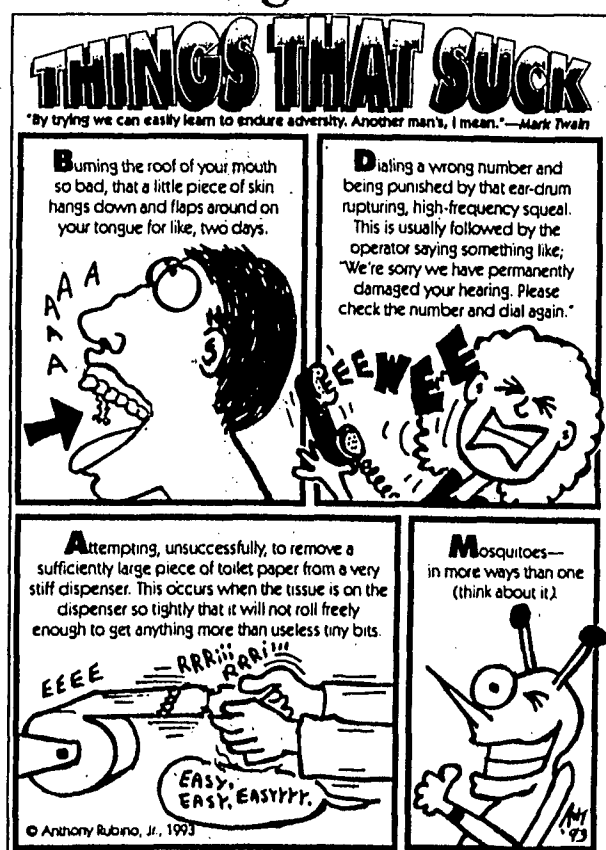
The Stroller has been a tradition at Northwest since 1918.

Thought for the Week

"Science is the attempt to make the chaotic diversity of our sense-experience correspond to a logically uniform system of thought"

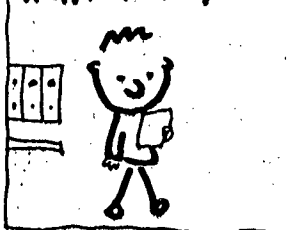
— Albert Einstein

Wild Kingdom By Anthony Rubino, Jr.



Jim's Journal

I got a free issue of Details magazine in the mail today.



They wanted me to subscribe, so they gave me an issue free.



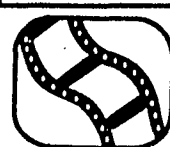
I looked through it while I ate lunch (a left-over piece of pizza).



Mr. Peterson jumped on the table and sat right on top of the magazine.



WEEKEND PLANNER



Movies

(check with theaters for show times)

Maryville

Missouri Twin
"Hocus Pocus," "The Fugitive"

St. Joseph

Hillcrest 4
"Jason Goes to Hell," "Striking Distance," "The Fugitive," "Warlock"
Plaza 8
"Father Hood," "The Real McCoy," "Son-in-Law," "The Man Without a Face," "The Good Son," "Undercover Blues," "The Program," "In the Line of Fire," "So I Married an Axe Murderer," Sneak Previews "Bronx Tale," "Cool Running"
Dickenson Trail Theater
"Made in America"



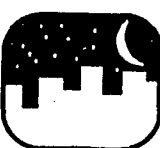
Stage

Kansas City

"The Wolfman, or Another Bad Hair Day"
Martin City Melodrama & Vaudeville
Sept. 23-Nov. 4

"The Sisters' Sequel — Nunsense II"
New Theater Restaurant
dinner and show
Sept. 23, 6:15 p.m.

"Alone Together"
Plaza Dinner Playhouse
dinner and show
Sept. 23, 6:15 p.m.



Nightlife

Kansas City

Lonesome Houndogs and Salty Iguanas
The Grand Emporium
Sept. 23, 9 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

Improvised Humor
Kansas City ComedySportz
Sept. 23-25, 7:35 p.m. and 10:05 p.m.

Live Comedy
Stanford's Comedy House
Sept. 23-25, 8 p.m.



Festivals

Bonner Springs

Renaissance Festival
Celebrate old English customs
Sept. 25-26; Harvest Fair
Oct. 2-3; Tournament of Kings
Oct. 9-10; Music and Dance
Oct. 16-17; A Fantasy Fairwell
Tickets \$12
Gates open at 10 a.m., close at 6 p.m.

Off the Mark



by Jim